

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 22, 2026

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Please “like” the Arts Board on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Click <https://wab50.com> to learn more about the Arts Board’s 50th Anniversary!

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
National Museum of the American Latino
September 15 – October 15

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.” – George Eliot

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” – Anne Frank

“What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise.” – Barbara Jordan

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.” – Robert Maynard Hutchins

“Humor is almost always anger with its makeup on.” – Stephen King

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Ron Carter reinventing Autumn Leaves!!](#)
Emmet Cohen

[The Wiggly Wonder of Music | Jacob Collier | TED](#)
TED and Jacob Collier

[Norah Jones Is Playing Along with Lang Lang \(Podcast Season 2 Episode 34\)](#)
Nora Jones

[YE/NDRY: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music

Wisconsin artists and arts organizations, do you have video that you'd like us to consider sharing as the Wisconsin Arts News Video of the Day? Send the link to artsboard@wisconsin.gov!

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW [Spotlighting Wisconsin | Beni Daiko](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Explore what makes us human at the 16th Annual Wisconsin Science Festival](#)
Morgridge Institute for Research
October 15 – 25

[Preparedness and Partnership: September at NCAPER](#)
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

[Creative Copy #38 | Indigenous Artist Resources](#)
Wisconsin Arts News

As part of our Quarterly Board Meeting, we invite you to join us in Eau Claire on September 25th for two *Creative Community Conversation* sessions!
Wisconsin Arts Board

We invite you to **drop in anytime** during either or both of the sessions listed below, to meet WAB staff, ask questions, learn about resources, and connect with other folks in Eau Claire's creative community.

Morning Creative Community Conversation
September 25th, 7:30- 9:30 am, [ECDC - Eau Claire Downtown Coffee](#) (205 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701)

Afternoon Creative Community Conversation
September 25th, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, [2 Roots Art & Wine Gallery](#) (216 S Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701)

Register for the Eau Claire Creative Community Conversations

Registration is encouraged, not required.

National Preparedness Month: 20 Years of Partnership and Preparedness

National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

September

Introducing the Arts Funding Finder

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

Visit 3, Get a T!

Wisconsin Art Destinations

Through November 15

Join the Accessibility Committee

Wisconsin Arts Board

Generative AI in the Performing Arts Survey

Annie Dorsen and SMU DataArts

Through September

Annie Dorsen is partnering with SMU DataArts to conduct a study of the material impacts of generative AI on artists working in theater, dance, and live music. The survey explores how AI is affecting artists' income, employment opportunities, creative processes, administrative work, and future planning. Findings will help inform policy, advocacy, funding, and support efforts across the field.

This work is part of Artists Make Technology, a collaborative initiative anchored by Mozilla Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation, in partnership with the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, with additional support from Ford Foundation.

Secretary Lonnie Bunch Says the Smithsonian Keeps 'The Nation's Memory' in an Exclusive Essay for America's 250th Birthday

Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

U.S. Conference of Mayors and National Endowment for the Arts to Showcase Freedom 250 City Art Posters

National Endowment for the Arts

Submit through November 6

Join the Wisconsin Social Rx Ecosystem

Wisconsin Social Rx

Also

Social Prescribing in Wisconsin- Shared screen with speaker view

Wisconsin Social Rx + Social Rx, Zoom

[The Great Connector: How Arts Participation Renews Civic and Community Engagement](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[Free resources available to Wisconsin residents to host America@250 Community Conversations](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)
Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | September 18, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

[Care Navigator \(Ongoing Opportunity\)](#)
Social Rx
Deadline: Ongoing

[Isthmus is hiring an arts & culture editor](#)
Isthmus
Deadline: September 24

[Executive Director](#)
Wausau Conservatory of Music
Deadline: September 30

[Director of Exhibits](#)
Madison Children's Museum
Deadline: September 30

[Assistant Professor \(Tenure Track\) - The Art School \(27-28\)](#)
DePaul University-The Art School
Deadline: October 1

Aly's Arts in Health Job Board

Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.

Deadlines: Various

Assistant House Manager

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Studio Supervisor

Skylight Music Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Executive Director

Capitol Civic Centre

Deadline: Until Filled

Chief Philanthropy Officer

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Deadline: Until Filled

Facilities Coordinator

ArtStart Rhinelander

Deadline: Until Filled

Program & Administrative Assistant

ArtStart Rhinelander

Deadline: Until Filled

Development & Special Events Manager

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts

Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Performing Arts Center

Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools

Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director of Performing Arts Center

Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids

Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Donor Engagement and Development

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

Curatorial Internship

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

Deputy Director of Finance, Administration and Retail Enterprise

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Development and Communications

Jewish Family Services, Inc.

Deadline: Until Filled

Write On, Door County Searches for Next Executive Director

Spano | Pratt Executive Search

Deadline: Until Filled

Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Marcus Performing Arts Center

Deadline: Until Filled

Interior Architecture & Design Faculty (Full-Time)

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design

Deadline: Until Filled

Current Opportunities

First Stage

Deadline: Until Filled

Development Coordinator

Opera for the Young

Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

Mission Possible: Strengthening our role as agents of change through innovation and collaboration.

2026 Wisconsin Aging, Disability and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference

Through September 23 | Wisconsin Dells

Midwest Arts Expo

Heartland Performing Arts

Through September 25

Creative Labor, Creative Conditions - A National Campaign to Shift the Valuation of the Arts

Doris Duke Foundation

Through September

Also

Creative Labor, Creative Conditions: Why Centering Artists as Thought Leaders and

Changemakers Matters
Doris Duke Foundation

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!

World Premiere Wisconsin

Through December 31

Emerging Program Institute (EPI)

Artist Communities Alliance

Registration is Open

October 22, 23, 29, 30 | EPI | Virtual

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work

October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

Webinar Series: Small Orgs, Big Ideas

Arts Midwest

September 23 | Love Is Power: Trusting Young People to Lead

September 30 | What Art School Doesn't Teach: The Missing Curriculum Every Artist Deserves

October 8 | Power Building, Inside and Out

AI's Impact on the Creative World

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

September 29

Award-Winning Actress Phylicia Rashad to Headline the 36th Nancy Hanks Lecture

Americans for the Arts

September 30

Wisconsin Economic Summit tackles workforce challenges, building bright futures

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

September 30 – October 1 | Eau Claire

Also

Wisconsin Economic Summit to highlight opportunities for shared economic growth and strategic investments for the future

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

September 30 – October 1

2026 Biennial NAFME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference

National Association for Music Education

September 30 – October 3 | Long Beach, CA

Annual State Conference

Wisconsin Dance Council

October 9 | Diamond Jubilee Dinner

October 10 | Professional Development Conference | MYArts

NOAHCON

National Organization for Arts in Health

October 11 - 13 | Rochester, NY

October 28 | Virtual Day

2026 Wisconsin Science Festival

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 15 – 25

Rooted in Community | 2026 Annual Conference

Wisconsin Library Association

October 20 - 23 | Middleton

Women Trailblazers Conference

UW-Stevens Point School of Business and Economics

October 28 | Stevens Point

2026 Wisconsin State Music Conference

Wisconsin Music Educators Association

October 28 – 31 | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

WAEA Fall Conference

Wisconsin Art Education Association

October 30 - 31 | Waunakee

Creative Communities, Collective Futures

2026 Chicago Regional | National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

November 12 – 14 | Chicago, IL

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is Accepting Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Applications to Strengthen America's Cultural Heritage

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: November 13

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival

Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association

November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

2027 NAMM Show

National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)

January 26 – 30 | Anaheim, CA

Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism 2027

Travel Wisconsin

March 14 – 16, 2027 | Appleton

Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 - 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

Capacity Building Webinar Series

Creative West

Various

Online Workshops and Conversations

Creative Capital

Various

Webinars

Performing Arts Readiness

Various

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

Springboard for the Arts

Various

Upcoming Events

Access/VSA International Network

Various

IN THE NEWS

Arts and Creativity in Education

2026 U.S. National Artilex Art Awards

Artilex Art

Deadline: September 30

Music Education Partnership Grants

Chorus America

Deadline: November 20

Despite 20% International Drop, UWM Sees Highest Enrollment in 17 Years

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Healthcare

Creating Moments that Matter — A Field Guide for Dementia-Inclusive Arts Programming

Lincoln Center Moments + Lifetime Arts

Community Arts

[A New Statue Honors a Pioneering Local Developer](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Northeast Wisconsin foundations launch Give Forward amid wealth transfer](#)

WBAY

Literary Arts/Libraries

[A children's novel about a boy and his pet raccoon brings Japan's ambassador to Wisconsin](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[I'M A FAN: Enter The Cartoonish World Of Fanboy Comics](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Cynthia Dewi Oka | On the Virtues of the Fly](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[This Milwaukee movie theatre will be showcased on Turner Classic Movies](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[Beloit movie theater owner would be interested in Janesville](#)

Beloit Daily News

[Paramount makes concessions to salvage \\$111 billion Warner Bros. Discovery deal](#)

All Things Considered | NPR

Performing Arts

Music

[Inside the World Premiere of These New Composers](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Yooper's 'Choosin' Cheesehead' video strikes a chord with Packers fans](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

Presenting

[What the Kennedy Center's Tax Return Reveals](#)

The Atlantic

Other

How to build a succession plan before you need one
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Quality, quantity, effort, and effect - Four lenses help reveal your arts organization's impact.
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

Let's stop blaming individuals and organizations for systemic problems
Nonprofit AF

4 Donor Engagement Strategies That Show Supporters They Matter
NonProfit Pro

WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

Visual Arts/Museums

Mount Pleasant accepting reclaimed lumber donations Oct. 10 for troll sculpture
Wisconsin State Journal
October 10

Arts and Creativity in Education

Art Lab | UW Nancy Nicholas Hall-Ruth Davis Design Gallery
Isthmus
October 10

Literary Arts/Libraries

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park to celebrate grand opening Friday with ribbon cutting
Madison365
September 25

Wisconsin Book Fest favorite Téa Obreht returns with twisty new novel
The Capital Times
October 17

Rachel Maddow Comes to the Riverside Theater
Urban Milwaukee
November 12

Media Arts

'American Pachuco' at the Rivoli!
PBS Wisconsin Events
September 28

Performing Arts

Dance

Breakthrough Dance Company
Isthmus
October 24

Presenting

Guzzo Pinc
Isthmus
October 11

Kevin Farley bringing 'Growing Up Farley' show to Oshkosh
WBAY
October 16

La Crosse Winter Roots Festival moves to bigger venue for 6th annual celebration
WXOW
January 23

OPPORTUNITIES

Residency Opportunities | September + October
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | September + October

September 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

Introducing the Arts Funding Finder
Arts Midwest
Deadlines: Various

The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Summer Cycle
Lynden Sculpture Garden
Deadline: Until funds for this cycle are expended

CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications
Volume One Magazine
Now Open

Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant

St. Croix Valley Foundation

Deadline: Rolling

Open Call for Queer Artists

OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center

Deadline: Rolling

Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies

Colossal

Various

The Creative Collab | Bronzeville Artist-In-Residency Mentor Program

Copywrite Magazine

Deadline: Rolling

Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines

City of Milwaukee Arts Board

Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.

Springboard for the Arts Calendar of Events

Springboard for the Arts

Various

Are you raising impact capital for the creative economy?

UpStart Co-Lab

Deadline: Open

RJE Sprout Fund Invites Proposals From Artists Working With Underserved Communities

PND by Candid

Deadline: Rolling

Call for Artwork

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Monthly Review

2026/27 Madison Opera High School Apprentice Application

Madison Opera

Deadline: September 21

The Call for Proposals Is Now Open | 2027 AAM Annual Meeting & Museum Expo

American Alliance of Museums

Deadline: September 21

Creative Placemaking for Rural & Outdoor Recreation Communities: Building Places People Love Through Arts, Culture & the Outdoors

Harbinger Consultancy

September 24, October 1, 8 | Video Conference Sessions

In The Moment: An Exhibition by PhotoMidwest Members

Isthmus

Entry Deadline: September 25

Call for Indigenous Artists: Public Art Installation Overlook Plaza Project La Crescent Minnesota

La Crescent Minnesota, Creative West

Deadline: September 25

UPAF Seeks Nominations for “60 for 60” Performing Arts Champions

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: September 30

Making Waves Award

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

Bridge Builder Award Nomination

Boreal Waters Community Foundation

Deadline: September 30

NEW 2026 U.S. National Artilex Art Awards

Artilex Art

Deadline: September 30

Mural Friendly Cities

National Mural Awards

Deadline: October 1

Wildlife Art Gallery Submissions Open

Friends of the Mead/McMillan Wildlife Areas

Deadline: October 1

2027 ACC Fellowships and Grants

Asian Cultural Council

Applications Accepted: October 1 - November 10

24th Cycle of Fellowship Program for Visual Artists Opens September 8

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: October 8

Women Entrepreneurs Can Apply For Red Letter Grant Fall Cycle

Volume One Magazine

Deadline: October 12

Racine's giant postcard auction will go live Saturday
Wisconsin State Journal
Bid through October 17

Global Dance Circle for Social Change Submission Form 2026 / Círculo Global de Danza para el Cambio Social: Formulario de Presentación 2026
Mark DeGarmo Dance
Deadline: October 17

NEW Wisconsin Creates Statewide K-12 Art Competition
School Choice Wisconsin
Deadline: Art received from October 19 – 30

Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026
Artist Communities Alliance
October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

Now Accepting Applications for GIG Fund: Interstate Touring
Arts Midwest
Phase 1 Deadline | November 4
Phase 2 Deadline | November 17

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Access/VSA Emerging Young Artists Program
Access/VSA International Network
Deadline: November 19

Access/VSA International Young Musicians Program
Access/VSA International Network
Deadline: November 19

Access/VSA Playwright Discovery Program
Access/VSA International Network
Deadline: November 19

NEW Music Education Partnership Grants
Chorus America
Deadline: November 20

Bristol Art Museum Announces National Call for Collage for Torn Boundaries

Bristol Art Museum

Deadline: November 29

Wisconsin's Own

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31; An early-bird discount on entry fees for non-students is available for films submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

Wisconsin's Own Student

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31

Annual Call to Artists Now Open!

Pump House Regional Arts Center

Deadline: January 31 | 2027 - 2028 Gallery Exhibition Season

Deadline: January 31 | 2026 - 2027 Driftless Ceramics Biennial Group Exhibition

Deadline: January 31 | 2027 Artspire Fine Art Fair Vendor

Beyond Words: the Dollar General School Library Relief Fund

Awards & Grants | American Library Association

Deadline: None. Monthly Review

Open Grant Solicitations

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs | US Department of State

Various

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