

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 23, 2026

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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

“The best music is essentially there to provide you something to face the world with.” – Bruce Springsteen

“I was born with music inside me. Music was one of my parts. Like my ribs, my kidneys, my liver, my heart. Like my blood. It was a force already within me when I arrived on the scene. It was a necessity for me - like food or water.” – Ray Charles

“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.” – Stacey Tauscher

“Slight not what's near through aiming at what's far.” – Euripides

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” – Howard Thurman

“What the world really needs is more love and less paper work.” – Pearl Bailey

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Wisconsin Book Festival Channel](#)
YouTube

[WILDER | Official Trailer | Gene Wilder documentary | American Masters | PBS](#)
American Masters PBS

[From Waitress to World-Famous Artist: Amy Sberald on How She Made It](#)
TIME

[Chucho Valdés - Habanera de Lorraine \[UNCUT\]](#)
Chucho Valdés

[Kronos Quartet: 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

Visual Arts/Museums

Milwaukee Educator Opens Art Supplies Thrift Store

The UWM Post

Arts and Creativity in Education

Anthony Quinn Foundation Scholarship

Anthony Quinn Foundation

October 1 | Application Opens

November 30 | Registration Deadline

January 5 | Application Deadline

[Senior music major hits right notes performing and composing at UW-Eau Claire](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

[Waukesha County Board approves sale of former UW-Milwaukee campus for housing redevelopment](#)
620WTMJ

Arts and Healthcare

[The 'Here and Now': How Music and Dance Set Us Free](#)
The Flow of Creativity | Psychology Today

Community Arts

[Story Cart: Attention - Memory Activation at the CR8TV House with Symphony Swan, Full Interviews](#)
Center for 21st Century Studies

[Local Comic Artist Channels Creative Talents To 'Sniffspot' For Dogs](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[United Way brings Dolly Parton's Imagination Library countywide](#)
Daily Dodge

[Central Wisconsin educator's memoir connects childhood trauma, career in schools](#)
Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio

[How libraries in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania communities evolved from subscription clubs to vital public institutions](#)
The Conversation

[Carmen Gallo | Snorkel](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[That's All? Team Paramount Nabs Warner Bros. With Only Minor Concessions to States](#)
The Hollywood Reporter

Performing Arts

Music

[Surprise! Gen Z loves classical music](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear

Theater/Opera

Milwaukee's Go-To Comedy Photographer Is a Comedian Himself

Milwaukee Magazine

Cate Blanchett Asks London Audience To Stop Filming Play, Says Stage Is Place
"Where We Can Simply Be Together And Be Present"

Deadline

Other

Maybe (Most) Boards Aren't Broken. Maybe Governance Is Just Hard.

Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

Are Your Nonprofit Committee Meetings Effective?

NonProfit Pro

What to do now to maximize year-end fundraising

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Where Do Nonprofit Leaders Go for Advice? (No, It's Not AI)

Blue Avocado

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

Healing with Art Across Space and Time

New City Art

Through November 29

Waunakee Artisan Market

Create Waunakee

October 3

Arts and Creativity in Education

Filmmaker and UWSP grad to host film screening & student masterclass

Stevens Point Journal

September 23, 24

Children's Museum offers free admission during Worldwide Day of Play

Stevens Point Journal

September 26

[Fox Cities PAC confirms Center Stage program will include 40 schools in 2026-27 season](#)
Fox 11 News
Season

Community Arts

[8 Ways to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Milwaukee](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through October 15

[Weekend festival booked | Your Wausome Weekend Guide](#)
The Wausonian
September 23 – 29

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Sept. 24-27 in Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
September 24 – 27

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Sept. 24-27 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
September 24 – 27

[Oregon Community Calendar: Sept. 24 - Oct. 4](#)
The Oregon Observer
September 24 – October 4

[Need weekend plans in Manitowoc? Try Civil War Remembered, 'American Idiot' and more](#)
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
This Weekend

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Milwaukee Public Library launches new live music series](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
October 27

Media Arts

[Floating cinema comes to St. Croix River on Sept. 25](#)
Hudson Star-Observer
September 25

[See Ueck at Fox Cities Stadium](#)
WTAQ
September 30

Performing Arts

Dance

Ghost Tongue, Mother Tongue Explores Language, Memory and the Stories We Carry in the Body

MG | The Collaboratory

November 6 – 7

Music

Greg Zelek - All Bach

Madison Symphony Orchestra, Overture Center for the Arts

September 27

Community choir cantata rehearsals begin

Sawyer County Record

Begins September 27

Stand In The Light Memory Choir Celebrates 10th Anniversary This Fall

Volume One Magazine

November 19

Presenting

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company Performs at Midwest Arts Expo

Upper East Side, NY Patch

September 23

rucksack revolution at thrasher opera house

Radio Plus

October 16

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Presents The Blind Boys of Alabama

Urban Milwaukee

November 5

An Evening with Bill Miller

Leo and Leona's

November 13

Charlie Berens Comes to the Riverside Theater

Urban Milwaukee

May 15

Theater/Opera

'Maybe We'll Fly' recounts how Mary Nohl turned her life into art

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Through October 11

Racine Theatre Guild to celebrate 50 years at Northwestern Avenue theater with free Oct. 4 event

Racine County Eye

October 4

The Patriot – The Double Life of Pham Xuan An, the Greatest Spy of the Vietnam War

Fermat's Last Theater Co.

October 9 – 10

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

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

NEW Anthony Quinn Foundation Scholarship
Anthony Quinn Foundation
October 1 | Application Opens
November 30 | Registration Deadline
January 5 | Application Deadline

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

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

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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