

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 24, 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

“Life’s like a movie, write your own ending. Keep believing, keep pretending.” – Jim Henson

“I believe that the justification of art is the internal combustion it ignites in the hearts of men and not its shallow, externalized, public manifestations. The purpose of art is not the release of a momentary ejection of adrenalin but is, rather, the gradual, lifelong construction of a state of wonder and serenity.” – Glenn Gould

“I’ve always believed that a dance evening energizes an audience, that an audience goes out feeling chemically stronger and more optimistic. This is what I understand about dance. And this is an important thing. We need this. Our culture needs it.” – Twyla Tharp

“The aim of every artist is to arrest motion, which is life, by artificial means and hold it fixed so that a hundred years later, when a stranger looks at it, it moves again since it is life. Since man is mortal, the only immortality possible for him is to leave something behind him that is immortal since it will always move. This is the artist’s way of scribbling “Kilroy was here” on the wall of the final and irrevocable oblivion through which he must someday pass.” – William Faulkner

“I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.” – Groucho Marx

VIDEO OF THE DAY

CenterStage Band and Show Choir marks 20 years with 'Yearbook' show
WSAW

September 24 – 26

Textile Talk with Carson Converse, Alexis Deise, and Regina Durante Jestrow
Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

The program begins at 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Creativity as Prevention: The Role of The Arts in Public Health | Arts in Health Webinar Series #3
UF Center for Arts in Medicine

Nile Rodgers & CHIC Perform "Let's Dance" | Live Performance | Once In A Lifetime Sessions
Universal Documentaries

Alex Ferreira: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music and Alex Ferreira

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 Disaster Preparedness for Artists: Q&A with Craft Your Commerce
National Endowment for the Arts

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

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

Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

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

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[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

NEW Academic Engagement Associate

Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

Webinar Series: Small Orgs, Big Ideas
Arts Midwest

September 30 | What Art School Doesn't Teach: The Missing Curriculum Every Artist Deserves
October 8 | Power Building, Inside and Out

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

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists
November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

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

'Confluence' is the latest installation in Green Bay's Rotating Art program

Fox 11 News

Also

[Green Bay adds new color with Rotating Arts Program](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com

[Current Arts/Industry Artists](#)

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

[Indigenous Wisconsin: Beyond Acknowledgement](#)

Madison365

October 9 | Submission Deadline

November 9 - December 11 | Exhibition

[At 10 years old, Smithsonian's Black museum is undaunted amid pressure from Trump administration](#)

Daily Jefferson County Union, AP News

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Author and illustrator on the south side gives back through art](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[See local author and illustrator read her book at Woodlands School](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[See children participate in an art activity led by a Milwaukee author.](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Joey Weisenberg wins major national award](#)

The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle

[Utka Ensemble's Storybook Music Project](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Science in a Bag, a popular part of the Wisconsin Science Festival, marks its sixth year](#)

Morgridge Institute for Research

[2027 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly Wisconsin"](#)

Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics

Deadline: January 31

Community Arts

[‘Farming with flair’: Tractor ballet turns hay baling into art](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[New Sendik's grocery store in Whitefish Bay features restaurant, live music](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Bicycling and Art Ride in Tandem, Pedaling Midwest Placemaking](#)
Arts Midwest

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Isabelle Correa | Sister, Only You Know This Precision](#)
Poetry Daily | Poems.com

Media Arts

[Willem Dafoe believes to be a good actor you also have to be a bad actor from time to time](#)
Wild Card with Rachel Martin | NPR

[Trump's NPR-PBS Funding Fight Quietly Comes To An End.](#)
Inside Radio

Performing Arts

Music

[Garage's no-play list didn't surprise some who say it's a pattern](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Submit an NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship Nomination](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: November 12

Other

[Why Nonprofit Data Governance Determines Whether AI Delivers Results](#)
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

[Artist Talk: Wisconsin's Printmaking Heritage, Then and Now](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio
February 25

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Angela Puerta Kids Band | Kids in the Rotunda](#)
Overture Center for the Arts
September 26

[Local comedy and variety show returning to Eau Claire with three performances](#)
WEAU
October 8, 15, 22

[UWSP to host a variety of concerts on all three campuses this October](#)
UW-Stevens Point
Various | October

[High School to College Writing Symposium](#)
Greater Madison Writing Project
November 10

[Events](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
Various

[Events Calendar | Arts](#)
UW-Madison
Various

[Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events](#)
UW-Superior
Various

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
Through September 29

[What to do in Madison this weekend: Sept. 24-27, 2026](#)
Isthmus
September 24 – 27

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Sept. 24-27](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
September 24 – 27

[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

[LOUD celebrates 5th anniversary with expansion of Latino arts and cultural programming across Wisconsin](#)
Madison365
September 26, 28

[Rescheduled Fiesta Selena to Take Place on September 27](#)
Urban Milwaukee
September 27

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: It's going down at the Spirit of St. Croix](#)
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

[Arts](#)
Madison Magazine
Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

[Area events, shows fill schedules in southeast Wisconsin](#)
Racine Journal Times
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin Book Festival returns to Madison this fall](#)
The Daily Cardinal
October 15 – 18

Media Arts

[International film festival to visit Stoughton](#)
The Stoughton Courier Hub
September 26

[Bicycle Film Festival](#)
Isthmus
October 1

Performing Arts

[18 music, theater performances to see in Milwaukee in October 2026](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | October

Dance

[Friday Night Dance Party in October 2026](#)
Arts for All Wisconsin
October 2

Music

[Bel Canto Chorus Announces 95th Season, Cathedrals of Sound](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Season

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

NEW Indigenous Wisconsin: Beyond Acknowledgement

Madison365

October 9 | Submission Deadline

November 9 - December 11 | Exhibition

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

NEW Submit an NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship Nomination

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: November 12

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

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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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