

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 28, 2026

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.” – Gilbert K. Chesterton

“You can decide what you want to eat for dinner, you can decide to go away for the weekend, and you can decide what clothes you’re going to wear in the morning, but when it comes to artistic things, there’s never a rhyme or reason. It’s, like, they just happen. And they happen when they happen.” – Meat Loaf

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I’ll try again tomorrow.” – Mary Anne Radmacher

“I am not bothered by the fact that I am unknown. I am bothered when I do not know others.” – Confucius

“I don’t think there’s anything exceptional or noble in being philanthropic. It’s the other attitude that confuses me.” – Paul Newman

“Only great souls know the grandeur there is in charity.” – Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet

“Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists.” – John Kenneth Galbraith

VIDEO OF THE DAY

INTERVIEW: The Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild is proud to present "The Diary of Anne Frank"

WEAU

October 1 – 11

2026 Wisconsin Science Festival

Fox 47 | WMSN

October 15 – 25

New art exhibit at the Vatican Library led by Green Bay artist

WBAY

Dear UWM" | Derrick Harriell Performs Original Poem | UW-Milwaukee

UW-Milwaukee

Thomas Dambo: TROLLMAKER (Artist Studio Tour)

Exploredinary and 2 more

So Easy (To Fall in Love) - 1940s Style Olivia Dean Cover feat. Tatum Langley

Postmodern Jukebox

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 Virtual Discussion – Is the American Nonprofit Theater Movement “Over”?

DeVos Institute for Arts and Nonprofit Management

September 29 | 3 – 5 pm | Online

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

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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](#).

<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

[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

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

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

Milwaukee Museum Returns Pots by Enslaved Artist David Drake to Family

The New York Times

Autumn Hues in Harmony Celebrates Local Artists at AVA Art Gallery Reception

Antigo Visual Arts

Again, Wisconsin Entry Wins State Waterfowl Stamp Contest

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

In Defense of the Detour - On craft, A.I. and what gets lost when we skip the slow part.

The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

Watertown superintendent prohibits students from performing 'Flashdance' musical

Wisconsin State Journal

DNR announces winner of 2027 Wisconsin state park and forest vehicle admission pass design contest

KFIZ

Neill receives Ripon High Schools Distinguished Alumni Award

Ripon Commonwealth Press

Movie-lovers enjoy local film festival

WEAU

[I want UWM to be the model of a public-serving university | Opinion Perspectives | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)

[The Wisconsin Idea volunteers for the Peace Corps](#)
UW-Madison News

Community Arts

[Peggy Williams-Smith Given CEO Post at Wisconsin Center District](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Also
[Wisconsin Center District names new board chairman, interim president and CEO](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

[Wisconsin's 23 Most Influential Latino Leaders for 2026, Part 1](#)
Madison365

[Tom Still: Japan's investment in Wisconsin has economic, cultural foundation](#)
WisOpinion

Folk Arts/Folklife

[\[PHOTOS\] AN OFFERING: 2026 Gathering Of The Waters Powwow](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[New Richmond Community Library named library of the year](#)
Hudson Star-Observer

[Matsuo Bashō | Three Haiku](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Sheboygan Film Fest receives JEM Grant from Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism](#)
Sheboygan Sun

Performing Arts

Music

[La Crosse Symphony Orchestra launches \\$3.5M 'Endow the Encore' campaign](#)
La Crosse Tribune

[Do-Re-Midwest: Singing Together for Joy, Safety, and Collective Creation](#)
Arts Midwest

Theater/Opera

Matching grant enables Rep to add more than \$12 million to endowment
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

What If We Valued Theatre Like We Value Parks?
American Theatre

Other

Philanthropy's Missing Trillions, Revisited
Stanford Social Innovation Review

7 Warning Signs Your Nonprofit Board Should Investigate
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

Winners announced for '81st Art Annual' juried exhibition
The Green Bay Press Times
Through November 8

Madison art museum debuts new exhibition using generative AI amidst pushback
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio
Through January 10

New 'Building Bronzeville' Exhibition Connects Black Art, Power And Everyday Life
Urban Milwaukee
Through February 27

WRAP Exhibit set at Beloit Art Center in October
Beloit Daily News
October 2 | Reception and Gallery Talk
Through October 24 | Exhibition

Pabst Mansion Brings Back After-Hours "Illuminating the Dark" Tours for October
Urban Milwaukee
October 2 – 31

Racine Art Museum to host Midwest premiere of "Accidentally Wes Anderson: Adventures in Wisconsin" in 2027

Racine County Eye
February 24 – June 13

Arts and Creativity in Education

How We Got It Together
Laurie Beth Clark
October 12 – 18

2027 Pro Musica International Choral Festival
Albany Pro Musica
July 19 - 24 | Kingston, Ontario Canada

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2026
Isthmus
September 28 – October 1

La Crosse Guide to October Events
La Crosse Local
Various | October

Halloween Village Returns to Baird Community Commons
Urban Milwaukee
October 1 – November 1

Burial Mounds and Effigy Earthworks of Devil's Lake
Isthmus
October 8

Literary Arts/Libraries

Viroqua library hosting talk about Wisconsin's Tribal Nations
Vernon County Times
October 8

2026 Chippewa Valley Book Festival
Chippewa Valley Book Festival
October 19 – 24

The Shape of the Blues: Chicago Blues
Racine Blues Society
October 20

Performing Arts

Music

Frankly Music Explores The Soul of a Nation In Season 23 Kickoff
Urban Milwaukee
September 28

Presenting

Brandi Carlile books request shows at Milwaukee's intimate Pabst Theater
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
November 14, 15

40 YEARS WILD: The Complete 2027 Hoofbeat Music Lineup
Volume One Magazine
June 24 – 26

Theater/Opera

Virtual Discussion – Is the American Nonprofit Theater Movement “Over”?
DeVos Institute for Arts and Nonprofit Management
September 29 | 3 – 5 pm | Online

Sun Prairie Civic Theatre Auditions
Isthmus
September 29

World premiere of two-night radio play coming to Door County Granary
Green Bay Press-Gazette
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

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

2026 U.S. National Artilex Art Awards
Artilex Art
Deadline: September 30

Creative Placemaking for Rural & Outdoor Recreation Communities: Building Places People Love Through Arts, Culture & the Outdoors
Harbinger Consultancy
October 1, 8 | Video Conference Sessions

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

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

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

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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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

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

NEW 2027 Pro Musica International Choral Festival

Albany Pro Musica

July 19 - 24 | Kingston, Ontario Canada

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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