

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

September 29 - 30, 2026

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A great artist is always before his time or behind it.” – George Edward Moore

“Nature is inside art as its content, not outside as its model.” – Marilyn French

“Art distills sensations and embodies it with enhanced meaning.” – Miguel de Unamuno

“First gain the victory and then make the best use of it you can.” – Horatio Nelson

“As for me, prizes are nothing. My prize is my work.” – Katharine Hepburn

“The time is always right to do what is right.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

“You have to remember one thing about the will of the people: it wasn’t that long ago that we were all swept away by the Macarena.” – Jon Stewart

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[La Crosse Symphony Orchestra launches \\$3.5 million capital campaign](#)
WEAU

[De Pere gallery spotlights Hispanic stories across Northeast Wisconsin](#)
Fox 11 News
Through October 15

[Arts @ Large celebrates 25 years of Milwaukee arts education](#)
WISN
October 3

[Malik Johnson takes us beyond classical music | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Love Is Power: Trusting Young People to Lead](#)
Arts Midwest

[Melissa Aldana with Gonzalo Rubalcaba: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and 2 more

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 [Join the Co-op Program](#)
Travel Wisconsin
Opens October 8

NEW [Disaster Preparedness for Artists: Q&A with Craft Your Commerce](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

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

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

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

[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 25, 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

NEW [Education Director](#)
Forte Theatre Company
Deadline: October 29

[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

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

NEW Join the Co-op Program
Travel Wisconsin
Opens October 8

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

Also
Explore what makes us human at the 16th Annual Wisconsin Science Festival
Morgridge Institute for Research
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 Art Museum returns enslaved artist's works to his descendants

Wisconsin Public Radio

Also

How Two Clay Pots In Milwaukee Became A Test Case For Restitution For Enslaved Artists

Urban Milwaukee

Racine Art Museum's "Accidentally Wes Anderson" exhibit asks visitors to find Wisconsin's cinematic beauty

Milwaukee Independent

Submission Deadline: November 15

New art project at Menominee Park Zoo

The Advance-Titan | UW-Oshkosh

This Photographer Offers a Special Angle of Milwaukee

Milwaukee Magazine

Trempealeau hosts regional gathering of historical groups

WXOW

Open Call for Learning Proposals

American Alliance of Museums

Deadline: October 2

Whitney Union Sets Strike Date Days Before Major Roy Lichtenstein Show

ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Watertown community protests ban on high school musical 'Flashdance'](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also
[Students protest cancellation of spring musical](#)
WAOW

[La Crosse Polytechnic Celebrates Apple Distinguished School Designation](#)
WEAU

[Have They Ruined Our Beloved Scholastic Book Fair?](#)
Literary Hub

[Arts Education as a Strategy for Promoting Health and Wellness](#)
Arts Education Partnership

[The Skills Employers Are Desperately Searching For...and Where Kids Are Actually Learning Them](#)
The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM

[The Grand temporarily occupies UWO theater](#)
The Advance-Titan | UW-Oshkosh

[UW-Stevens Point Cornerstone Press titles earn record literary awards](#)
Stevens Point Journal

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts Education as a Strategy for Promoting Health and Wellness](#)
Arts Education Partnership

[Why We Read Novels](#)
Trouble In Mind | Psychology Today

[The Therapy of Art](#)
Authenticity 101 | Psychology Today

[Can Being Creative Actually Make Us Happier?](#)
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

Community Arts

[Stoughton Opera House Reports More Than \\$3.5 Million in Local Economic Activity to City Council](#)
Stoughton Opera House

[Wisconsin's 23 Most Influential Latino Leaders for 2026, Part 2](#)
Madison365

[New study highlights Wisconsin small cities as top national performers](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com

Literary Arts/Libraries

[LOCAL LIT: 'A Midwestern Landscape For Cameron Anderson, Mark Wyman'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[A Look Into the Founders of Woodland Pattern](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Check Out the New Season of This Wisconsin Literary Podcast](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Louise Erdrich wins the Gish Prize, a top arts honor](#)
AP News

[Amergin Glúingel | The Battle Hymn of Amergin](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[\[PHOTOS\] Micon Cinemas Screens Grace Reiter's Saturday Night Live Debut](#)
Volume One Magazine

Performing Arts

Presenting

[The Grand temporarily occupies UWO theater](#)
The Advance-Titan | UW-Oshkosh

Other

[The fraud triangle - Three conditions can lure us and our teams to violate our positions of trust.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[Stop Measuring Mid-Level Donors by How Fast They Upgrade](#)
NonProfit Pro

[How Nonprofit Leaders Can Learn From Failure](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Can we stop asking if there are too many nonprofits? It's getting on my nerves](#)
Nonprofit AF

Fewer charities will get corporate gifts this year. Here's how to make the cut.
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

Experience Street Art Like Never Before - Trout Museum of Art's "Tag" brings street art into unconventional spaces.

Newcity Art

Through January 7

MAM's New Show Reveals The Ideas Behind Shaker Simplicity

Urban Milwaukee

Through January 31

Also

Artist Talk + Performance: "Reggie Wilson/Fist & Heel Performance Group: POWER"

Milwaukee Art Museum

October 1

Guest Gallery Talk: "The Shakers"

Milwaukee Art Museum

October 2

The Alexander House presents: "Capturing Color - Metaphors in Metal"

Wisconsin Rapids City Times

October 2 – November 17

Lit 6

Stevens Point Sculpture Park

October 3

Annual Jewelry Showcase

Plum Bottom Gallery

October 10

Area Guide Spotlight: Fall Art Tour

American Players Theatre

October 16 – 18

CURIOSITY EXPRESSED: MYArt's Visual Arts Collection Opening Reception!

MYArts

October 17

Arts and Creativity in Education

Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service: This Thursday: Barrett, Petri and Thompson to discuss governance and civility in Wausau

WisPolitics

October 1

The Daily's Michael Barbaro on Covering Today's America

LaFollette School of Public Affairs

October 20

Community Arts

Breaking down all things art happening this week in La Crosse

WIZM

This Week

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 1-4 in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

October 1 – 4

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 1-4 in Stevens Point

Stevens Point Journal

October 1 – 4

Free and family-friendly events in Manitowoc this weekend, Oct. 2-4

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

October 2 – 4

Rally for the Valley

Hear in the Fox Valley

October 3

Also

Take Cover | Rally for the Valley

bandcamp

October 3

Folk Arts/Folklife

Grohmann Museum Celebrates Traditional Trades at 15th Annual Lost Arts Festival

Urban Milwaukee

October 3

Literary Arts/Libraries

Adults invited to free screening of 'The Housemaid' at Wausau library

Wausau Pilot & Review

October 7

Cedarburg Reads at Cedarburg Cultural Center with Author Michael Perry

Cedarburg Public Library

October 8

Milwaukee radio legend Bob Reitman returns to spotlight, and poetry

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

October 12

Media Arts

Spooky Season Movie Night Done Right At Micon Cinemas

Volume One Magazine

October 2 – 31

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Wausau Pilot & Review

October 7

American Pachuco at Edgewood University

LOUD (Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development)

October 12

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

October 12

Performing Arts

Dance

InSite: En Route is next week!

Wild Space Dance

October 9 – 10

Music

Festival City Symphony Opens 100th Anniversary Season With "River, Sea, and Symphony" on October 24, 2026

Urban Milwaukee

October 24

Masterworks 2: Close to Home

Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra

October 24

Presenting

Milwaukee a jam band mecca this fall with Widespread Panic, Goose, more
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | October – December

Country music star Lauren Alaina on 'Stages,' why Wisconsin feels like a second home

Wisconsin Public Radio

October 1

Camping, bluegrass come together for CAMPGrass in Sister Bay

Green Bay Press-Gazette

October 2 – 3

Experience the joyride of A Joyful Little Band

Wisconsin Rapids City Times

October 3

Daughtry Will Play Pablo Center During 20th Anniversary Tour

Volume One Magazine

February 18

Other

Maywood Park and Mead Library taking part in Wisconsin Science Festival

Sheboygan Sun

October 15 – 25

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW October 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Various

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

NEW Open Call for Learning Proposals

American Alliance of Museums

Deadline: October 2

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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