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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

There will be no *Wisconsin Arts News* next week as Arts Board staff will be attending the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies 2026 Assembly. The next edition will be sent on Monday, October 12, 2026.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An artist must be a reactionary. He has to stand out against the tenor of the age and not go flopping along." – Andre Maurois

"Everything is complicated; if that were not so, life and poetry and everything else would be a bore." – Wallace Stevens

"An artist cannot talk about his art any more than a plant can discuss horticulture." – Jean Cocteau

"The body says what words cannot." – Martha Graham

"Language asserts hidden power, like the moon on the tides." – Rita Mae Brown

"Well, Art is Art, isn't it? Still, on the other hand, water is water. And east is east and west is west and if you take cranberries and stew them like applesauce they taste much more like prunes than rhubarb does. Now you tell me what you know." – Groucho Marx

VIDEO OF THE DAY

High school students sent to Wisconsin as Chiba Prefecture friendship ambassadors
Chiba TV News

David Drake pottery returns to descendants, stays on view in Milwaukee
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Junction City blacksmith crafts railings for Grand Theater reopening
WSAW

Eight Films, Eight Stories of Living Tradition: Meet the 2026 National Heritage Fellows
National Endowment for the Arts

OYE COMO VA / ME VOY - Alfredo Rodriguez & Friends + CIMA FUNK - The Black Room Sessions – LIVE
Alfredo Rodriguez

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 Beyond Compliance: Why Your Audit and Form 990 Matter to Funders
Your Part-Time Controller & The Chronicle of Philanthropy
October 21 | Virtual

NEW Closing Out Preparedness Month: The Art of Being Ready
National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

NEW Anne Sayers on Wisconsin's tourism growth
SmartBrief

NEW Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2026
Wisconsin Department of Tourism

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

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

[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 TI!](#)
Wisconsin Art Destinations
Through November 15

[Join the Accessibility Committee](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[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 | October 2, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

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

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

[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

2026 Biennial NAFME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference

National Association for Music Education

Through October 3 | Long Beach, CA

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

Webinar Series: Small Orgs, Big Ideas

Arts Midwest

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

Former Hamilton Museum art director exhibits at Vatican | Exclusive
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Artist Spotlight | Emily Schanowski
Fox Cities Magazine

Pabst Mansion receives \$750,000 federal grant for restoration
BizTimes Milwaukee

Brewers Celebrate Wisconsin With These Unique Public Murals
Milwaukee Magazine

18th Annual International Drawing Discourse Exhibition
Creative West
Submission Deadline: November 29

Group Glass Show
Carnelian Art Gallery
Submission Deadline: March 1

[2025 Impact Report](#)
American Alliance of Museums

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wisconsin Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 5, Issue 2 - Oct 2026](#)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

[Brookfield Academy starts \\$12M fundraising campaign for expansion](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Conjure Halloween fun with PBS KIDS](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[UW-Eau Claire's marching band to perform in 2027 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade](#)
Spectrum News 1

Arts and Healthcare

[New data show social connection remains dangerously weak in the U.S.](#)
Social Connection in America

Community Arts

[Why Some Milwaukeeans Say One Day of Black Arts Is Not Enough](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

[Living slowly in the Driftless region's Viroqua, Wisconsin](#)
WBEZ Chicago

[The 2026 Betty Awards: 6 Milwaukee Leaders Carving a New Legacy](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Mayor's Year of Housing: City of Milwaukee announces Sarah Luther as 2026-27 Public Artist In Residence](#)
City of Milwaukee Arts Board

Literary Arts/Libraries

[We asked dozens of librarians about America's libraries — what they provide, what they need to survive. Here's what they told us.](#)
The New York Times

[Vievee Francis | I Have to Write the Book You'll Burn](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Music

[\[PHOTOS\] 'Transatlantic Impressions' With The C.V. Symphony Orchestra](#)
Volume One Magazine

Presenting

[Kennedy Center moves to sell all of its Steinway pianos](#)
MSN, Alternet

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 Reception | Pump House](#)
La Crosse Local
October 2

[Daruma Doll Making Workshop | Rivoli Arts Building](#)
La Crosse Local
October 2

[Hudson artist to be featured in new exhibition in Red Wing](#)
Republican Eagle
October 4 – November 1

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Woven in Our Worth: UW-Madison Celebrates Latine Heritage Month](#)
The Daily Cardinal
Through October 15

[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

What to do in Madison this weekend: Oct. 1-4, 2026

Isthmus

Through October 4

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Oct. 1-4

Milwaukee Magazine

Through October 4

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

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

Through October 4

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

Stevens Point Journal

Through October 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

Dragon Days festival highlights Lake Geneva's Dungeons & Dragons connection

Wisconsin Public Radio

October 3 – 4

Western Wisconsin Weekend: Time to say 'Booyah.' Because this golden weekend rules

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

It's Time For Oktoberfest

Weekend Preview | Urban Milwaukee

This Weekend

Sign up now for the Creative Industries Summit in Superior

WDIO

October 6

Also

[Superior creative industries representatives to gather](#)

Superior Telegram

October 6

[Ambitious Regional 10-Year Destination Master Plan Launches In Eau Claire](#)

Volume One Magazine

October 6 | City of Eau Claire

October 7 | Town of Wheaton

October 14 | City of Osseo

October 15 | City of Altoona

November 10 | Town of Union

[3 New Things Coming to Milwaukee This October](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Various | October

[6 Milwaukee arts and culture events for your October | The Shortlist](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | October

[Here Are the Best Things to Do in October](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Various | October

[Art](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

[On Tap](#)

Isthmus

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Celebrate Native Nations with Teejop & Beyond Programs at Madison Public Library beginning October 12](#)

City of Madison

October 12; Series

Literary Arts/Libraries

[The Friends of Door County Libraries invites you to join in the fun and celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th Birthday this October.](#)

Friends of Door County Libraries
Through October

Celebrate Native Nations with Teejop & Beyond Programs at Madison Public Library beginning October 12

City of Madison

October 12; Series

The Wisconsin Book Festival turns 25

Isthmus

October 15 – 18

Also

Behind every great wide receiver... 'Lambeau Ladies' tells the story of the Packers' wives

Isthmus

October 16

God, booze, and the act of paying attention - Madison writer Meghan O'Gieblyn charts a course to a new kind of faith

Isthmus

October 16

We are all mysteries - Dasha Kelly's 'Baker's Dozen' probes the puzzles we are to even our closest friends

Isthmus

October 17

Birth writes - Tara Mulder delves into ancient stories of women's health

Isthmus

October 17

PAGE TURNERS: Women Leading The Chippewa Valley Book Festival

Volume One Magazine

October 19 – 24

Award-winning novelist Edward Underhill headlines opening night of 2026 Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books

PR Log, Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books

November 6 – 7

Performing Arts

Dance

Without Borders - Celebrating the Dance Legacy of José Limón

Kanopy Dance

October 15 – 18

Jekyll & Hyde
Madison Ballet
October 29 – November 1

Presenting

Neo-soul artist Raveena to perform at Memorial Union Oct. 16
Wisconsin Union
October 16

Theater/Opera

Masquers Hosting Class To Help Teach Basics Of Theater
Seehafernews.com
October 3

Auditions set for Beaver Dam Area Community Theatre dinner show
Daily Dodge
October 4, 6

Broadway Musical 'Come From Away' Lands In Menomonie
Volume One Magazine
October 9 – 11; 16 – 18

OPPORTUNITIES

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

NEW Residency Opportunities | October + November
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | October + November

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

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

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

Harbinger Consultancy

October 8 | Video Conference Sessions

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

NEW Fresh Water Press seeks stories of lakeshore life for new anthology

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Submit from October 15 – December 15

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

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: November 13

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

Milwaukee Independent

Submission Deadline: November 15

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

NEW 18th Annual International Drawing Discourse Exhibition

Creative West

Submission Deadline: November 29

Bristol Art Museum Announces National Call for Collage for Torn Boundaries

Bristol Art Museum

Deadline: November 29

NEW Kenosha seeks nominations for lifetime achievement

Wisconsin State Journal, Kenosha News

Deadline: November 30 (For Kenosha County Residents)

Anthony Quinn Foundation Scholarship

Anthony Quinn Foundation

November 30 | Registration Deadline

January 5 | Application Deadline

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 Group Glass Show

Carnelian Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 1

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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