

October 30, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Acting is like a Halloween mask that you put on." – River Phoenix

"In masks and gowns we haunt the street and knock on doors for trick or treat." – Jack Prelutsky

"Beware! As you trick or treat. These creatures will find you and make you smell their feet." – Casey Browning

"Be careful in the company of monsters that you don't become one." – Cindy Gerard

"There are three things I have learned never to discuss with people: religion, politics, and the Great Pumpkin." – Charles M. Schulz

"A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween." – Erma Bombeck

"Charlie Brown is the one person I identify with. C.B. is such a loser. He wasn't even the star of his own Halloween special." – Chris Rock

"The worst thing about Halloween is, of course, candy corn. It's unbelievable to me. Candy corn is the only candy in the history of America that's never been advertised. And there's a reason. All of the candy corn that was ever made was made in 1911. And so, since nobody eats that stuff, every year there's a ton of it left over." – Lewis Black

"Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, 'Never take candy from strangers.' And then they dressed me up and said, 'Go beg for it.'" – Rita Rudner

VIDEO OF THE DAY

A double win for Milwaukee
Milwaukee Art Museum

UWL Theatre and Dance presents 'Gruesome Playground Injuries'
News8000.com
November 5 – 8

Wisconsin Life | Healing and wonder meet at House on the Rock
PBS Wisconsin

Raised on the Divide Episode 1: "Born Under Stress"
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the LaFollette School of Public Affairs, UW-Madison

Richard O'Brien's 'The Rocky Horror Show': Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music

Patrick Stewart - Sonnet 116 - 'Let me not to the marriage of true minds' - 4K
Shakespeare Network

Sesame Street: Patrick Stewart Soliloquy on B
Sesame Street

> *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 One Place to Find Arts Jobs Across the Midwest
Arts Midwest and Springboard for the Arts

NEW Gov. Evers Announces Theme for 2026 State Capitol Holiday Tree, Invites Students and Families to Create Ornaments Celebrating Wisconsin Neighbors
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 20

NEW Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project (WACP) 2026
Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

> *Explore the 2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project through this curated 11-video playlist from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Centering on this year's*

core theme of "Collaboration," the collection highlights a powerful cross-disciplinary centerpiece: "Third Mind," an original poem penned by Wisconsin Poet Laureate Brenda Cárdenas and set to a captivating musical score by composer Jocelyn Hagen.

Also
NEW Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project 2026 Preview
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

NEW Arts in Action: Pat Barnett Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Laura Meilke Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Andrew Smits Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Laura Diemer Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Christian Bonner Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Mind the gap: 97% of arts insiders support federal arts funding. Among Americans surveyed, that figure is 42 points lower — just 55%.
Americans for the Arts, LinkedIn

NEW Creative Careers in Wisconsin | Creative Copy #39
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW National Endowment for the Arts Releases New Report on How the Arts Can Help Address the Opioid Crisis
National Endowment for the Arts

NEW ArtsVote Open Call Winning Design by Roberto Muntoreanu
ArtsVote

Join the Co-op Program
Travel Wisconsin
Now Open

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

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 | October 30, 2026
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Job Board
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

Care Navigator (Ongoing Opportunity)
Social Rx
Deadline: Ongoing

NEW Grants Manager
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: November 20

Aly's Arts in Health Job Board
Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.
Deadlines: Various

NEW Marketing and Latino Arts Coordinator
United Community Center
Deadline: Until Filled

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

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 Wisconsin State Music Conference
Wisconsin Music Educators Association
Through October 31 | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

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 30 | EPI | Virtual

WAEA Fall Conference
Wisconsin Art Education Association
October 30 - 31 | Waunakee

NEW Welcome Back with Our Next Capacity Building Webinar Series
Creative West
November 10, January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14

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

NEW Creative Industries Summit 2026
Office of Rural Prosperity and Create Wisconsin
November 18

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival
Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association
November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

NEW Neuroarts Global Summit 2026
International Arts + Mind Lab and Aspen Institute
December 2 – 3 | Washington DC and Virtual

NEW Now Accepting Applications: 2027-28 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read
Arts Midwest
January 12 | Phase 1 Deadline
January 26 | Final Deadline

Also
NEW Five Tips for Linking Your Big Read Programming to Sports
Arts Midwest

NEW Now Accepting Applications: 2027-28 Shakespeare in American Communities
Arts Midwest and the National Endowment for the Arts
Phase 1 Deadline: January 26 (Eligibility Review)
Phase 2 Deadline: February 9 (Final Applications)

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

NEW Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium
UW-Madison Department of Communication Arts & International Screenwriters Association
April 9 – 11

Closing Session: The Future of Music and Independent Venues | Sociable City Summit
Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI)
April 26 - 28 | Philadelphia

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

Write a Letter to The Brewers Now on Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee Magazine

Making Spirits Bright with Shelby Nesmith at Lemon Street Gallery & ArtSpace!
Visit Kenosha

The Great Lakes Inspire Artist's Love for Haunted Hydrology
Arts Midwest

New Acrylic Artist At Plum Bottom
Door County Pulse

New Milwaukee museum construction includes relocated sculpture
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

> Also
> Inside Milwaukee's new Nature & Culture Museum ahead of 2027 opening
> *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

November 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

'The Honor of My Life': As He Prepares to Retire, Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III Reflects on His Decades of Service With the Smithsonian
Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

Family Matters: The Secret History Behind Why Vincent van Gogh Cut Off His Ear
TIME

Cracking the Gen Z Code: How Museums Are Rethinking Membership to Engage Younger Audiences
Alliance Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Arts and Creativity in Education

From Purple Thursday to the Clothesline Display, UWSP Raises Awareness
The Pointer

UW-Stevens Point's Mindy King named Librarian of the Year
Stevens Point Journal

Wisconsin colleges reeling from surprise cut to federal childcare funding
Wisconsin State Journal

Community Arts

T-shirt art from survivors of abuse raise awareness
WSAW

Joy Engine Is Giving Art Grants for ‘Weird, Wonderful’ Ideas
Milwaukee Magazine
Deadline: November 2

Literary Arts/Libraries

The 25th Wisconsin Book Festival highlights reading in an era of literary censorship
The Badger Herald

UW-Stevens Point's Mindy King named Librarian of the Year
Stevens Point Journal

Kenn Nesbitt | Halloween Party
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

Beyond the 'Indian burial ground': Indigenous creatives make horror their own
MPR News

Performing Arts

Dance

Dancers Are Turning Public Spaces Into De Facto Dance Studios
Dance Magazine

Theater/Opera

Patrick Stewart, Master of Shakespeare, ‘Star Trek’ and More, Has Died
The New York Times

Also
Patrick Stewart, a perceptive patriarch in 'Star Trek' and 'X-Men,' dies at 86
All Things Considered | NPR

Patrick Stewart, 'Star Trek's' Captain Picard and 'X-Men's' Charles Xavier, Dies at 86
Variety

William Shatner and ‘Star Trek’ Family Mourn Patrick Stewart With Picard Tributes: ‘Godspeed, Captain’
Variety

Patrick Stewart Dies: Marvel, Kevin Feige Praise 'X-Men' Icon For Bringing 'Charles Xavier to Life With Grace, Intelligence and Humanity'
Variety

Other

How Skills-Based Volunteering Can Build Your Communications Team
NonProfit Pro

The New Nonprofit Visibility Gap
Stanford Social Innovation Review

Opinion: Is cultural marketing reaching more people, but connecting with fewer?
Bachtrack

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

'I am rooted, but I flow'
Door County Pulse
November 7

Opening Reception: A Room Remembers Every Echo
Charles Allis Art Museum
November 12 | Opening Reception
November 12 – February 21 | Exhibit

Arts and Creativity in Education

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. 29-Nov. 1, 2026
Isthmus
Through November 1

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Oct. 29-Nov. 1
Milwaukee Magazine
Through November 1

Stoughton Community Calendar: Oct. 29 - Nov. 8
The Stoughton Courier Hub
Through November 8

Plenty of Treats, No Tricks
Weekend Preview | Urban Milwaukee
This Weekend

Get in the Halloween spirit this weekend with these 12 Madison-area events
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

Here's What You Need to Know About the Brewers World Series Parade
Milwaukee Magazine
October 30

> Also
> Milwaukee Brewers Parade Details – Won. Our Way
> *Urban Milwaukee*
> **October 30**

Dedication of an official Wisconsin State Historical Marker
Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau
October 31

Here Are The Best Things to Do in November
Milwaukee Magazine
Various | November

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

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

‘Who are you when you don’t have all your achievements?’ A Madison Latina reflects on the American Dream
The Lee Rayburn Show | Wisconsin Public Radio
November 1

Media Arts

The Mosquito Bowl to play in Lancaster
SWNews4U
October 30 – November 1, 3

WPR Music launches ‘The River Flows with Ava Kuredjian’
Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
November 7

Performing Arts

Music

Marisa Balistreri Quartet
Isthmus
November 13

Presenting

Performances Postponed: Sugar Skull – October 30th
Urban Milwaukee
Postponed October 30

Max Subar
Appleton Post-Crescent
October 30

Sombr to Jonas Brothers, 10 top November 2026 concerts in Milwaukee
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | November

MSO Holiday Pops Concert is December 15, 2026 in West Bend, Wi
Washington County Insider
December 15

Noah Kahan announces 2027 stadium tour, Camp Randall stop in Madison
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
May 26

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

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: Through November 10

Fresh Water Press seeks stories of lakeshore life for new anthology
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
Submit Through December 15

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 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

NEW Help Choose Milwaukee County's Next Public Art Award Winner
Urban Milwaukee
Nominations Accepted November 1 – December 31

NEW Joy Engine Is Giving Art Grants for 'Weird, Wonderful' Ideas
Milwaukee Magazine
Deadline: November 2

Also
2027 Joy Grant
Joy Engine
Deadline: November 2

Now Accepting Applications for GIG Fund: Interstate Touring
Arts Midwest
Phase 1 Deadline | November 4
Phase 2 Deadline | November 17

A Regional Juried Call for Art: Here & Now
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 8

Indigenous Wisconsin: Beyond Acknowledgement
Madison365
November 9 - December 11 | Exhibition

Enter Now: Wisconsin's Own Screenplay Competition
International Screenwriters Association
November 10 | Early Entry Deadline
December 23 | Normal Entry Deadline
January 20 | Late Entry Deadline

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

Racine Art Museum's "Accidentally Wes Anderson" exhibit asks visitors to find Wisconsin's cinematic beauty
Milwaukee Independent
Submission Deadline: November 15

Call for Applications: ACRE Summer Artist Residency Program
ACRE Projects
Deadline: November 16

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 Gov. Evers Announces Theme for 2026 State Capitol Holiday Tree, Invites Students and Families to Create Ornaments Celebrating Wisconsin Neighbors
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 20

Music Education Partnership Grants
Chorus America
Deadline: November 20

Levitt Family Foundation's 2027 Festival Grants
Levitt Family Foundation
Deadline: November 20

A National Juried Call for Collage Art: Torn Boundaries
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 29

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

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

Exhibiting Craft History through Archival Research
Smithsonian's Archives of American Art
December 2

Open call for your artists: Down the Lane Artist Residency, Melbourne, March 2027
Down the Lane Studios
Deadline: December 20

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

NEW A Spotlight On Young Musicians & 'Cosmic Connections'
Volume One Magazine
Deadline: January 2

NEW Best Communities for Music Education
NAMM Foundation
Deadline: January 5

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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

Gallery Q sets submission deadline for Culture & Agriculture exhibit
Stevens Point Journal
Deadline: January 31

Group Glass Show
Carnelian Art Gallery
Submission Deadline: March 1

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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