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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

November 2, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art is the symbol of the two noblest human efforts: to construct and to refrain from destruction." – Evelyn Waugh

"Art is the objectification of feeling." – Herman Melville

"For an Impressionist to paint from nature is not to paint the subject, but to realize sensations." – Paul Cezanne

"The works must be conceived with fire in the soul but executed with clinical coolness." – Joan Miró

"The Smithsonian museums are essential civic spaces where visitors engage with complexity, wrestle with contradiction, and learn that knowing and confronting the past is necessary for a democratic future." - Organization of American Historians

"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us." – Joseph Campbell

"Plans are nothing; planning is everything." – Dwight D. Eisenhower

"I got my break — big break — when I was five years old. And it's taken me more than seventy years to realize it. You see, at five, I learned to read. It's that simple, and it's that profound. I left school at thirteen, I didn't have a formal education, and I believe I would not be standing here tonight, without the books, the plays — the scripts. It's been a long journey from Fountainbridge to this evening — with you all. Though my feet are tired, my heart is not." – Sean Connery

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Wausau's Grand Theater to reopen Nov. 7 after six-month renovation
WSAW
November 7

GASLIGHT Preshow Lecture
Forward Theater Company
Through November 22

Joseph Taylor creates dreamy landscapes with recycled wood | The Arts Page
Milwaukee PBS

Holst: The Planets-Mars and Jupiter
Middleton Community Orchestra

"Sweet Talker" ft. Elise Trouw – Pockets
Scary Pockets

Blowin' in the Wind (Bob Dylan) - Academy Choir
A Cappella Academy

Jungle: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music and Jungle4eva

> *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 $2 for Arts: Leaders look for added support across Wisconsin
Arts & Culture, The Capital Times

NEW Gov. Evers appoints Wausau leader to Wisconsin Humanities board
Wausau Pilot & Review

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

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
Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project 2026 Preview
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit 3, Get a T!
Wisconsin Art Destinations
Through November 15

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

Grants Manager
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: November 20

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

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

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!
World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Creative Power Call for Art Guidelines
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: February 14

New public museum on track to open in 2027
The Daily Reporter

10-Minute Challenge: 'Above the Clouds I,' by Georgia O'Keeffe
The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

Theatre, dance faculty bring professional experiences to the next generation of artists
UW-Stevens Point

Film Screening of “The Cats of Mirikitani” - Japanese American incarceration history connects with art
The Spectator | UW-Eau Claire

Alabama Vice Chancellor Will Lead UW System
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

UW system’s 11% drop in international students drives overall enrollment dip
Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Healthcare

I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Francis Collins to the NeuroArts Global Summit!
LinkedIn | Susan Magsamen
December 2 - 3

Community Arts

Arts group would lease former UWSP at Wausau theater building for $1 in 2027, delaying sale to 2028
Wausau Pilot & Review

See photos: Gigantic crowd celebrates Brewers championship at downtown parade, Summerfest grounds rally
BizTimes Milwaukee

> Also
> Scenes from the Raucous Milwaukee Brewers World Series Parade and Rally
> *Milwaukee Magazine*

Literary Arts/Libraries

PHOTOS: Ainehi Edoro-Glines Discusses Her Book, Forest Imaginaries at the Wisconsin Book Festival
Brittle Paper

Kathryn Kysar | Salt and Sand
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

World Series champion Brewers appear on 'Saturday Night Live,' watch here
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Independent horror film uses Uptown Janesville mall for filming location
NewsBreak, Janesville Gazette

Series explores growing up in America's most polarized state | Opinion
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Michael Mann Hospitalized After Accidentally Shooting Himself in the Leg at Los Angeles Gun Range
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

Something new from WYSO! WYSO Connects
Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra
Register by November 8

Presenting

Court Filing Cites Internal Pressure to Close Kennedy Center
The New York Times

The Live Equation 2030 - The Future of Ticketing
Tixel

Other

4 Steps to Fix Disconnected Nonprofit Workflows and Reduce Staff Burden
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

Announcing new solo exhibitions!
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters
Through January 10 | Beneath the Fields: Lois Peterson
Through January 10 | Foundation: Stacey Steinberg
November 15 | Artists' Reception

MMoCA Fall Reception
Isthmus
November 6

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Nov. 2-5, 2026
Isthmus
November 2 – 5

Folk Arts/Folklife

Día de los Muertos | LOUD
Isthmus
November 6

'Living Archives: An African Community Day' at the Haggerty Museum of Art, Nov. 14
Marquette Today | Marquette University
November 14

Nourish Body, Nourish Spirit: Harvest, Seeds, and Songs from Indigenous Wisconsin
Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage
November 21 | Washington DC

Literary Arts/Libraries

Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books unveils full schedule for November 6 & 7, 2026
PRLog
November 6 – 7

Performing Arts

Dance

THE GIRL, THE GALAXY and the GIANT SOUND WAVE
Danceworks MKE
November 21 – 22

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Residency Opportunities | October + November
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | 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

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

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

Help Choose Milwaukee County's Next Public Art Award Winner
Urban Milwaukee
Nominations Accepted Through December 31

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

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

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

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

NEW Creative Power Call for Art Guidelines
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: February 14

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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