

November 5 - 6, 2026

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Native American Heritage Month

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art is the signature of civilizations." – Beverly Sills

"Composers are the only people who can hear good music above bad sounds." – John Philip Sousa

"The aim of every artist is to arrest motion, which is life, by artificial means and hold it fixed so that a hundred years later, when a stranger looks at it, it moves again since it is life. Since man is mortal, the only immortality possible for him is to leave something behind him that is immortal since it will always move. This is the artist's way of scribbling "Kilroy was here" on the wall of the final and irrevocable oblivion through which he must someday pass." – William Faulkner

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words? He thinks I don't know the ten-dollar words. I know them all right. But there are older and simpler and better words, and those are the ones I use." – Ernest Hemingway

"Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing." – Alexander Woollcott

"Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh." – George Bernard Shaw

"If at first you don't succeed... so much for skydiving." – Henny Youngman

VIDEO OF THE DAY

INTERVIEW: Launch Party: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Eau Claire
WEAU
November 7

Arts non-profit to lease former campus building in Wausau
WSAW

Watch Now: From the Ground Up: A Conversation with Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III
Bronzeville Center for the Arts

Green Bay East High School theater students work with industry mentors on school's biggest musical
WBAY

Virtual Town Hall: Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists
Creative Abundance Collaborative

Jimmy Webb, Vince Gill, Lyle Lovett and Ashley Campbell perform "Highwayman"
Great Performances | PBS

> *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 Upcoming Grant Cycle
Wisconsin Humanities
Opens January 1, 2027 - Closes March 1

> Also
> **NEW** Wisconsin Humanities fights its way back after NEH defunding
> *Isthmus*

NEW Applications Now Open: 2026 Midwest Award for Artists with Disabilities
Arts Midwest
Deadline: December 8

NEW NEH Announces High School Classical Curriculum Chairman's Grant Opportunity
National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: February 10

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.*
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> Also
> Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project 2026 Preview
> *Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*
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> 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

Artist Spotlight | Lauren Michaela Kargus
Fox Cities Magazine

BEYOND THE ART | November 2026 Newsletter
Overture Center for the Arts

Milwaukee Art Museum Announces $10 Million Gift to Establish the Lubar Family Center for Drawings and Prints
Urban Milwaukee

Florence Eiseman launches kids clothing line with Lois Ehlert designs
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

New Life Considered For The Public Museum's Iconic Exhibits
Milwaukee Magazine

Raven About Residencies | Woodson Wanderings
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Museum Visitors Are Changing. Here Are 6 Things the Data Tells Us.
Alliance Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Nearly Everyone Is Concerned About How Museums Use AI in Exhibitions, Survey Says
ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

Green Bay 8th graders explore career possibilities with 'Find Your Inspiration'
WBAY

U.S. Air Force Band Performs at Wausau East HS
WKOW

Arts and Healthcare

Arts Education as a Strategy for Promoting Health and Wellness
Arts Education Partnership

Neuroarts Global Summit Announces Opening Speakers
International Arts + Mind Lab & NeuroArts Blueprint Initiative
December 2 - 3

Community Arts

Aspirus Painted Rock Project Spreads Kindness from Wisconsin Rapids to Kansas
OnFocus

Literary Arts/Libraries

Kalehua Kim | Sunset, Venice Beach, October
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

Mosquito Bowl from Netflix tells story of two former Badgers football players; Kollege Klub transformed into WWII-era tavern
Wisconsin State Journal

Virtual reality gaming coming to downtown's 3rd Street Market Hall
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Performing Arts

Music

Live music performance venue proposed for former downtown Micon theater
WEAU

Presenting

The Crypt: A New Home For Marginalized Art
Milwaukee Magazine

Other

The Roles of The Board and Executive Director in a Strong Non-Profit
Charity Lawyer Blog

Make Your Brand Promise Matter
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

Ciel Skål Brings Monochromatic Compositions to 12 x 12 Project
Miller Art Museum
Through November 30 | Exhibit
November 7 | Artist Talk & Reception

Artist Talk with John Hallett at the David Barnett Gallery
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
November 12

PhotoMidwest Nature Group reception
Isthmus

Through December 29 | Exhibit
November 6 | Reception

Living Archives: An African Community Day
Haggerty Museum of Art
November 14

Arts and Creativity in Education

UWM's Maria Gillespie Embraces Solos in Her Latest Work
Milwaukee Magazine
November 6 – 7

UW-Eau Claire–Barron County Communiversity Band to hold fall concert
WEAU
November 17

Children's Theatre to hold auditions for Disney Frozen Jr. | Racine Theatre Guild
Wisconsin State Journal
December 12

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: Nov. 5-8, 2026
Isthmus
Through November 8

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Nov. 5-8
Milwaukee Magazine
Through November 8

Trains, Raptors and Vegans
Urban Milwaukee
This Weekend

Western Wisconsin Weekend: The holidays are around the corner
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

Seeing Transformation
Isthmus
November 19

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

Unity in the Community Will Serve Up Global Food, Music and Dance
Urban Milwaukee
November 7

Media Arts

Wisconsin Filmmaker Nathan Deming Brings Winter Hymns to De Pere
Press Times
November 6, 8, 9

Weyauwega International Film Festival celebrates film history and Wisconsin talent
WFVR
November 11 - 14

Performing Arts

Dance

UWM's Maria Gillespie Embraces Solos in Her Latest Work
Milwaukee Magazine
November 6 - 7

Music

Laura Jackson Conducts Tchaikovsky
Madison Symphony Orchestra
November 6 – 8

29 Jazz to bring free concert to Rothschild
Wausau Pilot & Review
November 10

Central Chamber Chorale to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with concerts
OnFocus
November 14, 15

Enjoy 'Sounds From The Theatre' With The Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra
Volume One Magazine
November 22

Racine Choral Arts Society plans "Carols by Candlelight" event
Wisconsin State Journal
December 5

Presenting

From Do-Re-Mi to the Fox Cities PAC: The Sound of Music takes the stage
WeAreGreenBay.com
Through November 8

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Residency Opportunities Newsletter | November + December 2026
Artist Communities Alliance
Deadlines: Various

November 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: 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

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

NEW 2027 Artist-in-Residence - Request for proposals
Betty Brinn Children's Museum
Deadline: November 12

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

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

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 NEH Announces High School Classical Curriculum Chairman's Grant Opportunity
National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: February 10

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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