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November 11, 2026

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Native American Heritage Month

Social Connection Awareness Week | Governor Evers
Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection
November 8 – 14

Give the Gift of Wisconsin Art This Season!

Let's transform the world through radical generosity.
Giving Tuesday
December 1

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All the people of all the nations which had fought in the First World War were silent during the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of Armistice Day, which was the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was during that minute in nineteen hundred and eighteen, that millions upon millions of human beings stopped butchering one another. I have talked to old men who were on battlefields during that minute. They have told me in one way or another that the sudden silence was the Voice of God. So we still have among us some men who can remember when God spoke clearly to mankind." – Kurt Vonnegut

"These are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or in the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed. The habits of a vigorous mind are formed in contending with difficulties. Great necessities call out great virtues." – Abigail Adams

"The eleventh day of the eleventh month has always seemed to me to be special. Even if the reason for it fell apart as the years went on, it was a symbol of something close to the high part of the heart. Perhaps a life that stretches through two or three wars takes its first

war rather seriously, but I still think we should have kept the name "Armistice Day." Its implications were a little more profound, a little more hopeful." – Walt Kelly

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." – John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." – George Washington

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." –Douglas MacArthur

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Creating, Connecting, and Sharing: Six Arts Projects That Supported Veterans
National Endowment for the Arts Blog

Local artist reveals new Wisconsin-inspired Milwaukee Bucks design
What's on Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

Adam Savage Discovers the MANY Secrets of a da Vinci Painting
Adam Savage's Tested and National Gallery of Art

We Chose to Go to the Moon
PBS Wisconsin

Joni Mitchell's beautiful song, 'Both Sides Now', performed by Hejira
Pete Oxley Guitar

> *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 Creative Forces Grants Available for Arts Projects for Military-Connected Communities Nationwide
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: January 13

NEW Creative Aging | Creative Copy #40
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

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

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

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

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

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 | November 6, 2026
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Job Board
Create Wisconsin
Application Deadlines | Various

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

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

NEW Director of Development
Skylight Music Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Part-Time Student Services Associate
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Director of Marketing & Communication
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
Deadline: Until Filled; Application Review Begins November 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW NAEA National Convention
National Art Education Association
March 4 – 6 | New York City, NY

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

NEW 2027 AAAE Conference
Association of Arts Administration Educators
June 3 – 6 | Singapore

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

Inside the world of Wisconsin's outsider art
Madison Magazine

Racine Art Museum accepting proposals for installation to accompany PEEPS exhibition
Wisconsin State Journal
Deadline: November 15

Arts and Creativity in Education

If Music Matters to You, Then Tell the DOT to Offer a “Music Matters” License Plate
WHBL

Wausau School District to gauge student interest in Hmong language course
WSAW

The Jamb hosts emerging arts exhibition
The Advance-Titan | UW-Oshkosh

Arts and Healthcare

Inside the "Hospital of Emotions"
CBS Sunday Morning

Community Arts

First Friday Art Walk connects La Crosse artists with community
The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse

SURVEY SAYS: What Should Eau Claire Area's Next Project Be & Other Questions
Volume One Magazine

How the Brewers, and Milwaukee, pulled off World Series parade, party
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Building skills and relationships - The Goodman Nonprofit Center's fellowship program creates needed peer support
Isthmus

Folk Arts/Folklife

Beyond Money: Trading Ideas, Goods, and Respect at This Oneida Nation Farm
Arts Midwest

Literary Arts/Libraries

How Wisconsin shaped a horror legend
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

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

D. A. Lockhart | Mhùkwinùnt Pe Asuwit
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Dance

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company to End Performances After Final Year in 2027
BroadwayWorld.com

Presenting

Chicagoans overwhelmingly support a permanent festival grounds like Milwaukee's Summerfest. What's next?
WBEZ Chicago

Theater/Opera

New concert venue planned for former Downtown Micon Theater
WQOW

Other

Nonprofit Leaders Answer: What Partnerships Have Helped Your Nonprofit Weather Financial Uncertainty?
Blue Avocado

Why Small Nonprofits Can't Ignore Cybersecurity Risks
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

Racine gallery sets opening date for new exhibit
Wisconsin State Journal
November 14 – January 9

Art in the Making: A Live Pastel Painting Experience with Mark Price
Plum Bottom Gallery
November 20

Arts and Creativity in Education

UW-Stevens Point's Carlsten Art Gallery showcases contemporary Paris artists
UW-Stevens Point
Through December 5

Theatre on the Bay Brings Legendary Coach Vince Lombardi to Life on Stage
Inside UW-Green Bay News
November 12 – 15

Laura Doherty & The Heartbeats | Kids in the Rotunda
Overture Center for the Arts
November 14

Community Arts

Manitowoc events this week include Branson Christmas and Voctave
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
This Week

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Nov. 12-15 in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
November 12 – 15

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Nov. 12-15 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
November 12 – 15

Wausau's 11-11 Party highlights an event-packed weekend | Your Wausome Weekend Guide
The Wausonian
This Weekend

Bronzeville Center for the Arts to Welcome National Museum of Mexican Art Founder Carlos Tortolero
Urban Milwaukee
December 10

Performing Arts

Dance

Milwaukee Ballet Brings Holiday Magic to Life With The Nutcracker
Urban Milwaukee
December 5 – 26

Presenting

Alison Brown Quintet
Isthmus
November 13

Every Brothers music to be performed in West Salem
La Crosse Tribune, Wisconsin State Journal
November 19

GOOD DOGS: Trampled by Turtles Returns To Pablo Center With New Music
Volume One Magazine
January 31

The String Cheese Incident Announces Campout in the Pines 2027 Lineup
Grateful Web
August 13 – 14

Theater/Opera

Theatre on the Bay Brings Legendary Coach Vince Lombardi to Life on Stage
Inside UW-Green Bay News
November 12 – 15

New Holiday Musical Will Warm Spirits in the Third Ward
Urban Milwaukee
November 13 – December 6

Evergreen Theater brings the magic of “It’s a Wonderful Life” to the stage
WeAreGreenBay.com
November 19 – 29

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

Indigenous Wisconsin: Beyond Acknowledgement
Madison365
Through December 11 | Exhibition

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

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

NEW Racine Art Museum accepting proposals for installation to accompany PEEPS exhibition
Wisconsin State Journal
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

NEW Applications are now open for the 2026-27 Spector Prize for Emerging Artists
Spector Craft Prize
December 9 | Information Session
January 23 | Information Session
February 15 | Application Deadline

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

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

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

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

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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