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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

November 16, 2026

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Please "like" the Arts Board on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

Native American Heritage Month

Give the Gift of Wisconsin Art This Season!

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The work of art is a scream of freedom." – Christo

"An intellectual says a simple thing in a hard way. An artist says a hard thing in a simple way." – Charles Bukowski

"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life - and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do." – Georgia O'Keeffe

"I rarely draw what I see. I draw what I feel in my body." – Barbara Hepworth

"So much of what we do as artists is a combination of personal experience and imagination, and how that all creeps into your work is not so linear." – Diana Krall

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." – Booker T. Washington

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Connecting through memories in “Jerry Apps: Home for the Holidays” — Read a Q&A with author Susan Apps-Bodilly
PBS Wisconsin

Making Art Through A Microscope
Fox 6 Milwaukee

Wisconsin Book Festival Presents Too Good To Miss Poetry Reading
Wisconsin Book Festival

This West Allis store gives art supplies a second life | The Arts Page
Milwaukee PBS

American Colleges and the Future of Music | Music Policy Forum 2026
Music Policy Forum

John Malkovich talks about his acting career
60 Minutes

Gracie's Corner: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music and Gracie’s Corner

Autumn Leaves - Jazz in Central Park, NYC | Relaxing Guitar & Upright Bass
Myriorama Duo

> *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 Submissions Open for 2026-2027 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: January 25

Meet the 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Awardees
Arts Midwest

> The Wisconsin Arts Board congratulates Wisconsin recipients Joseph Gokee (Ashland) and Maa Vue (Schofield).
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> Also
> Schofield singer-songwriter Maa Vue wins Midwest Culture Bearers Award
> *Wausau Daily Herald*

Creative Aging | Creative Copy #40
Wisconsin Arts Board

$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.*
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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*
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> Arts in Action: Laura Meilke Interview
> *2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field*
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> Arts in Action: Andrew Smits Interview
> *2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field*
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> 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

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 13, 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

NEW Head of Marketing and Audience Development - The Young Performing Arts Center
UW-Whitewater
Deadline: November 27 to ensure full consideration

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

Director of Development
Skylight Music Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

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

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 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

Upcoming Grant Cycle
Wisconsin Humanities
Opens January 1 - Closes March 1

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

Creative Forces Grants Available for Arts Projects for Military-Connected Communities Nationwide

National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: January 13

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

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

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

Artists have until Jan. 31 to apply for Stevens Point area arts festival
Point/Plover Metro Wire
Deadline: January 31

Betty Brinn Children's Museum plans move to Walker's Point
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

> Also
> Betty Brinn Children's Museum announces new home in Walker's Point
> *Milwaukee Record*

Arts and Creativity in Education

ARTS IN ACTION: Durable Skills Development Initiative
WI Department of Public Instruction
Deadline: May 15

Wisconsin DPI proposes $2.75 billion for public school funding overhaul
Wisconsin state Journal

> Also
> DPI requests $2.75B boost in state budget for Wisconsin school funding
> *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Arts and Health

One museum visit a month: New report sets out 'Recommended Dose of Art'
National Art Collections Fund, UK

Literary Arts/Libraries

Nonprofit celebrates return of program that sends free books to Wisconsin prisoners
Wisconsin Public Radio

A New Website Pairs Local Readers With Book Clubs
Milwaukee Magazine

Glenway Wescott: A Lifetime Reflecting on the Midwest
Milwaukee Magazine

The 2026 New York Times/New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Books
The New York Times

Writer Lauren Elkin discusses the power of women's voices in her book, 'Vocal Break'
Weekend Edition Saturday | NPR

Judith Roitman | You
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

Remembering WMSE DJ Alien Andre
Milwaukee Magazine

8 Standout Moments From the Governors Awards: Glenn Close Finally Gets Her Oscar, Diane Warren Pitches Olivia Wilde a Christmas Song and More
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

Grammy Nominations 2027: Raye Leads With 11 Noms as Rosalía, Olivia Rodrigo, Ella Langley and Other Female Artists Dominate
Variety

Also
Grammys Snubs and Surprises: Harry Styles Shut Out, Raye's Huge Year and Noah Kahan Only Gets One Nomination
Variety

Theater/Opera

The Complete Works of Daniel Singer, Abridged
In Memoriam | American Theatre

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

Milwaukee artist Raoul Deal turns immigrant stories into prints
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Through December 19

Madison's holiday arts and crafts fairs, pop-up markets are in full swing
Isthmus
Various

Arts and Creativity in Education

Giving Tuesday Fundraising Experience
Signature Dance Company
December 1

Arts and Health

Community Conversation on Addiction, Mental Health, and Stigma with John Mabry
Mid-State Technical College
November 17

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Nov. 16-19, 2026
Isthmus
November 16 – 19

Feel The Holiday Cheer At These Festive Shows In The Chippewa Valley
Volume One Magazine
Various

Milwaukee holiday shows and performances to see in 2026
620WTMJ
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

A Snapshot of Lac Vieux Desert Tribal History
Land O Lakes Public Library
November 18

Media Arts

Madison's Black Film Festival: From cultural critiques to nostalgic holidays
Isthmus
November 19 – 22

Menomonie Production Brings 'A Christmas Carol' to The Airwaves!
Volume One Magazine
November 27 – 28

Performing Arts

Dance

Danceworks Blends Imagination and Science for a Family Friendly Live Concert
Urban Milwaukee
November 21

Giving Tuesday Fundraising Experience
Signature Dance Company
December 1

Music

Brahms, Beethoven And The Clarinet
Urban Milwaukee
November 16

Presenting

Pat Murphy is going on tour. Here are the dates.
Milwaukee Record
January 14 – 30

Phoebe Bridgers Announces 2027 Dates for "the Lost Tour," Including a Stop at Fiserv Forum on March 4
Urban Milwaukee
March 4

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

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

NEW Artists have until Jan. 31 to apply for Stevens Point area arts festival
Point/Plover Metro Wire
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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

NEW ARTS IN ACTION: Durable Skills Development Initiative
WI Department of Public Instruction
Deadline: May 15

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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