

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

November 20, 2025

[In The News](#) | [When You Go](#) | [Opportunities](#) | [Subscribe/Unsubscribe](#)

Please “like” the Arts Board on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Click <https://wab50.com> to learn more about the Arts Board’s 50th Anniversary!

[Give the Gift of Wisconsin Art This Season!](#)

[Let’s transform the world through radical generosity.](#)

Giving Tuesday
December 2

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art defies defeat by its very existence, representing the celebration of life, in spite of all attempts to degrade and destroy it.” – Nadine Gordimer

“Good art is art that allows you to enter it from a variety of angles and to emerge with a variety of views.” – Mary Schmich

“Only those who dare to fail greatly, can ever achieve greatly. ... Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital quality of those who seek to change a world which yields most painfully to change.” – Robert F. Kennedy

“Time does not change us. It just unfolds us.” – Max Frisch

“Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.” – Henry Ward Beecher

“When in doubt, make a fool of yourself. There is a microscopically thin line between being brilliantly creative and acting like the most gigantic idiot on earth. So what the hell, leap.” – Cynthia Heimel

“We have so much time and so little to do. Strike that, reverse it.” – Roald Dahl

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Wausau’s NTC Alternative High School introduces art therapy program](#)
WSAW

[Brenda DeVita on APT's 2025 Season](#)
American Players Theatre

[Conductor Nicholas McGegan on ‘Handel’s Messiah’](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio
November 21 – 23

[Holiday Folk Fair International returning to Wisconsin State Fair Park](#)
WISN
November 21 – 23

[Hotel California - Eagles \(Vintage Havana Style Cover\) ft. Rogelio Douglas, Jr.](#)
PostmodernJukebox

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!](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW [As a labor force, artists are 'invisible.' A new survey tries to change that](#)
Culture | NPR

NEW [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Betty Brinn Children's Museum](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[Bill Ivey, 81, Dies: Quelled Conservative Ire Over U.S. Arts Agency](#)
The New York Times

Also
[National Endowment for the Arts Statement on the Death of Former NEA Chairman Bill Ivey](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[Why Are We Drawn to Art?](#)
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

[Creative Copy # 21 | Art Markets](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[Fired Scholars and Big Grants to Favored Projects: Inside Trump's N.E.H.](#)
The New York Times

[2026 Co-op](#)
Travel Wisconsin

Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

Also

[2026 Co-op Sell Sheets](#)
Travel Wisconsin

Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

[Why creativity is the most employable skill of the next decade—and how to inspire it](#)
Fast Company Executive Board

[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 <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>
--

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | November 7, 2025](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Managing Director](#)
Arts Schools Network
Deadline: November 21

NEW [Outdoor Recreation Senior Marketing Communications Specialist](#)
Wisconsin Department of Tourism
Deadline: November 23

NEW Gift Officer, Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage (IS-1001-13)
Smithsonian Institution
Deadline: November 25

NEW Join Our Team: Social Media and Marketing Manager
Arts Midwest
Deadline: December 1

NEW Development Director
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Communication & Engagement Coordinator
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Development - Peninsula School of Art
Spano | Pratt
Deadline: Until Filled

Technical Director - Performing Arts & Education Center (PAEC)
Oak Creek Performing Arts & Education Center | WI Education Career Access Network
Deadline: Until Filled

Education Program Facilitator
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: Until Filled

Registrar Assistant (Temporary 8 - 12 Months)
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: Until Filled

Arts and Culture Reporter | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Dayforce Jobs
Deadline: Until Filled

President | Goodman Community Center
Spano | Pratt
Deadline: Until Filled

Chief Curator
Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University
Deadline: Until Filled

Media Relations and Marketing Manager
UCC/Latino Arts
Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

[America's Invitation | Share Your Story](#)

America 250

Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

[We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series](#)

Creative West

Through September 8, 2026

[NEW Call for Pitches: Short-Form Video from Your Community](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadline: November 30

[2026 Wisconsin Governor's Tourism Awards](#)

Travel Wisconsin

Nominations Deadline: December 3

[35th Anniversary Conference | Building Our Future Together](#)

Artist Communities Alliance

December 8 – 11 | Santa Fe, NM

[NEW Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts](#)

Create Wisconsin

December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available

February 16 | Application Deadline

[APAP Conference](#)

Association of Performing Arts Professionals

January 9 – 13 | New York City

[NEW Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals](#)

Mid-America Arts Alliance

Deadline: January 15

[NEW National Endowment for the Arts Big Read](#)

Arts Midwest

January 15 | Intent to Apply

January 29 | Application Deadline

[FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

February 11 | Intent to Apply Deadline

February 18 | Application Deadline

USArtists International

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

2026 National Conference

American String Teachers Association

February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA

2026 Legislative Conference

National PTA

March 2 - 4 | Alexandria, VA

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026

Travel Wisconsin

March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

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

'Totally surprised': Madison artists win Forward Art Prize, \$10K award

The Cap Times

Woodson Wanderings | Badges, Brushes, and Birds. . . Oh My!

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Wisconsin archaeologists identify 16 ancient canoes in a prehistoric lake 'parking lot'

Chron., AP

[Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

[Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)
Philanthropy News Digest
Deadline: January 15

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Rolf W. Wegenke](#)
Obituaries | Sun Prairie Star

['Challenge accepted': Sophia takes on a brain tumor](#)
Boston Children's Hospital

[Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address Inviting Students and Families to Create Ornaments for 2025 State Capitol Holiday Tree](#)
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 21

[Bringing High School Students and Kindergartners Together to Make Art](#)
Creativity | Edutopia

Arts and Healthcare

[Cozy 'Grandma' Hobbies Are Trending—and They Have Surprising Benefits for Your Mental Health and Well-Being](#)
Real Simple

[Cultivating compassion: Strategies for bullying prevention](#)
Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
December 4 | Virtual

Presented jointly with the American Repertory Theater at Harvard University.

Community Arts

[Literacy Services of Wisconsin Unveils Community Mural At New Headquarters](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Horicon Bank Wauwatosa Branch Sculpture Commission Announcement](#)
Horicon Bank

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Poetry Foundation Announces \\$1.3 Million in Fall Grants](#)
Publishers Weekly

Congratulations to Wisconsin recipient Woodland Pattern of Milwaukee!

[Marquette English professor: Make more time for pleasure reading](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries invites applications from schools around the country](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 31

[Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

[Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

[The reading season | Mary Louise Schumacher](#)

The Rabkin Reader | The Rabkin Foundation

[Kim Blaeser | Postures of Devotion](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

Performing Arts

Music

[Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

[Two organ works by the young J.S. Bach have been rediscovered and performed](#)

The Well-Tempered Ear

[CMA Awards 2025: Lainey Wilson Reclaims Entertainer of the Year Prize; Cody Johnson and Red Clay Strays Score Upsets — The Complete List of Winners](#)

Variety

Presenting

[City Reveals New Plan For 'Landmark' Downtown Site](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Theater/Opera

[Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter 'Waiting for Godot' Revival Recoups \\$7.5 Million Investment \(EXCLUSIVE\)](#)
Variety

[The Debate Over Colorblind Casting Isn't Settled After All](#)
The New York Times

[This Play Recruited Actors With Anorexia. Was That Ethical?](#)
The New York Times

Other

[Why Nonprofit Cybersecurity Is a Board-Level Governance Imperative](#)
NonProfit Pro

[How to Master Phygital Fundraising in a Hybrid Donor World](#)
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

['Totally surprised': Madison artists win Forward Art Prize, \\$10K award](#)
The Cap Times
Through November 29

[Antigo Visual Arts Opens Annual Christmas Gift Shop at the AVA Gallery In the Langlade County Historical Museum](#)
Antigo Visual Arts
Through January 8

[Nutcracker in the Castle at Paine Mansion is an immersive twist on the holiday classic](#)
Wandering Wisconsin | WUWM Radio
November 21 – January 5

[2025 Holiday Show Opening: "Twelve Days of Christmas: A Playful Parody"](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
November 22

[CULTURE CLUB: Patrick Farrell: The Artists' Example of Rags to Riches](#)
Door County Pulse
November 22 – March 28

[Parallel Logic | Rachel Hausmann Schall x Sara Willadsen](#)
Art Dose
December 6 – January 17

Arts and Creativity in Education

[UW-La Crosse senior art exhibition "Yours Truly" opens Friday](#)
WXOW
Through December 14

[Gallery Night Reception at the Grohmann Museum](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
January 16

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: Flannel Fest, 'The Marriage of Figaro' and more](#)
Isthmus Picks
Isthmus
November 20 – 23

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Nov. 20-23](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
November 20 – 23

[13 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

[Things to do in the Milwaukee area this weekend, including Holiday Folk Fair](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
This Weekend

Folk Arts/Folklife

[2025 Holiday Folk Fair International](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
November 21 – 23

Media Arts

[Hugh Jackman coming to Milwaukee for 'Song Sung Blue' premiere](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
December 2

Performing Arts

Presenting

[The Crossing to present world premiere of score by Christopher Cerone at Presbyterian church \(with Milwaukee's Present Music\)](#)

Chestnut Hill Local | Philadelphia PA

November 21

[Jeff Tweedy bandmate Macie Stewart opens up about 'Twilight Override'](#)

The Cap Times

November 21

[EAT \(AND LAUGH\) YOUR HEART OUT: A New Comedic Competition In Eau Claire](#)

Volume One Magazine

December 4

[Join Us for a Night of Music and Giving Back! | The Remainders](#)

Leo & Leona's

January 3

[Go Inside the Dugout with Pat Murphy at the Grand Theater in January](#)

WSAW

January 19

Theater/Opera

["White Christmas" Menomonie Theater Guild \(11/20/25\)](#)

WEAU

December 5 – 14

OPPORTUNITIES

[November 2025 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

[Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant](#)

St. Croix Valley Foundation

Deadline: Rolling

[Residency Opportunities | November 2025](#)

Artist Communities Alliance

Various | November

[Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies](#)

Colossal
Various

Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund
The Lynden Sculpture Garden and Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Deadline: Until Funds Are Exhausted for This Cycle

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.

America's Invitation | Share Your Story
America 250
Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

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

NEW Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address Inviting Students and Families to Create Ornaments for 2025 State Capitol Holiday Tree
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 21

A National Call for Art | Theme: When in the Course of Human Events...
Bristol Art Museum
Deadline: November 23

17th Annual International Drawing Discourse Exhibition
University of North Carolina Asheville | Café
Deadline: November 30

Crayola Creativity Week Global Ambassadors

Crayola

Deadline: November 30

NEW Call for Pitches: Short-Form Video from Your Community

Arts Midwest

November 30

2026 Anthony Quinn Foundation Scholarships

The Anthony Quinn Foundation

November 30 | Registration Deadline

January 4 | Final Application Deadline

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation invites entries for children's book awards

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 1

2026 Wisconsin Governor's Tourism Awards

Travel Wisconsin

Nominations Deadline: December 3

Shubert Foundation invites applications from nonprofit theaters

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 4

Site-Specific Installation for PEEPS® Brand Art Exhibition 2026

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: December 5

Call For Proposals | 2026 SNAAP Research Fellowships

Strategic National Arts Alumni Project

Deadline: December 8

NEW Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts

Create Wisconsin

December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available

February 16 | Application Deadline

Fine Arts Work Center invites applications for writing fellowships

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 15

Artist Submissions Open

Carnelian Art Gallery

Deadlines: December 15

[PBS Wisconsin offering \\$500 grants for community conversations on American democracy](#)
Merrill Foto News

Deadline: Apply through December 17

NEW [It's Time to Vote! Milwaukee Election Commission and Milwaukee Public Schools Announce Finalists for the "I Voted Early" Sticker Design Contest](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Voting ends December 17 (for Milwaukee residents)

[United for Libraries and Penguin Random House Grants to U.S. Rural and Small Libraries](#)
United for Libraries | American Library Association

Applications Open from December 17 - January 21

NEW [Literary Arts Fund invites applications from literary arts nonprofits](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 19

[Submissions for Up-and-Coming Artists Now Open to Perform during Summerfest 2026](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: December 21

[Arts for All Roadtrip](#)

Roadtrip Nation

Deadline: December 21

[Bobby Anspach Studios Foundation invites applications for inaugural grants program](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 30

NEW [Classics for Kids Foundation invites applications from K-12 music programs](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 31

NEW [Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries invites applications from schools around the country](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: December 31

NEW [Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

NEW [Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

Wisconsin public school districts encouraged to apply for Fab Labs Grants
WEDC

Deadline: January 15

NEW Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals

Mid-America Arts Alliance

Deadline: January 15

NEW Gottlieb Foundation invites applications from mature artists

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

NEW Les Paul Foundation invites applications for music programs

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: January 15

NEW National Endowment for the Arts Big Read

Arts Midwest

January 15 | Intent to Apply

January 29 | Application Deadline

2026 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly to Save Lives"

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Deadline: January 16, 2026

RAM Artist Fellowships and Emerging Artist Award

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: January 23

2026 North American Competition & Festival

PianoArts

Deadline: January 26

Applying for Shakespeare in American Communities: Schools

Arts Midwest

January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)

February 12 | Application Deadline

Applying For Shakespeare In American Communities: Juvenile Justice

Arts Midwest

January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)

February 12 | Application Deadline

Best Communities for Music Education Award

NAMM Foundation

Deadline: January 31

NEW Artist Applications Open For 52nd Annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts
Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts, ZAPP
Deadline: January 31

Also
NEW Applications open for 52nd annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts
Point/Plover Metro Wire
Deadline: January 31

Creative Power
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Call for Art submission deadline: February 14

USArtists International
Mid Atlantic Arts
Deadline: February 25

NEW Get ready for a re-imagined fan-favorite exhibition
Racine Art Museum
March 13, 14 | Drop-Off Submissions
No earlier than March 9 and no later than March 13 | Shipped Submissions

NEW Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF
The Art of Infertility
Submission Deadline: March 15

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

The Wisconsin Arts News is a free service of the Wisconsin Arts Board, the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts in Wisconsin, on the web at www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov. These articles are from a variety of sources and, therefore, do not necessarily reflect the views of the Arts Board.

Despite our best efforts, links may fail without warning since each news source posts and archives its articles differently. We apologize for any inconvenience.

To subscribe to Wisconsin Arts News:
* Send an e-mail with no message to: subscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov

Anything in the subject field will be ignored, so you can leave it blank.

To unsubscribe to Wisconsin Arts News:

* Send an e-mail with no message to: unsubscribe-artsnews@lists.wi.gov



P.O. Box 8690
Madison, WI 53708-8690

T. 608-266-0190
F. 608-267-0380

www.artsboard.wisconsin.gov