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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

November 21, 2025

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Giving Tuesday
December 2

As the *Wisconsin Arts News* takes a break next week, Wisconsin Arts Board members and staff extend our gratitude to Wisconsin’s artists and arts and community organizations for the magic you create, the learning you inspire, the thoughts you provoke, the communities you develop, and the cultural understanding you nurture.

Thank you!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.” – Marcus Tullius Cicero

“At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” – Albert Schweitzer

“When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others.” – Dalai Lama

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.” – Gilbert K. Chesterton

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” – William Arthur Ward

“I don't need a holiday or a feast to feel grateful for my children, the sun, the moon, the roof over my head, music, and laughter, but I like to take this time to take the path of thanks less traveled.” – Paula Poundstone

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[David Najib Kasir blends culture with strife to address the issues that many in the Arab world face.](#)

Milwaukee PBS

[As 'Wicked' sequel draws crowds, Green Bay reflects as the original premiere location for 'Wizard of Oz'](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

[CartoGraphic; Sketch Mapping with Comics - Natalie Correa, University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)

NACIS

[Wire & Nail's New Song Goes out to Art of Just Art's Saloon](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | VOL59 - Wild Rice Flower | Bear in the Forest](#)

Milwaukee PBS

Also

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Bear in the Forest | Meet The Artist](#)

Milwaukee PBS

[Robert Plant: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

NPR Music

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 [2026 NEA Jazz Masters Announced](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

NEW National Artist Safety Survey
Artists at Risk Connection

Also

NEW The National Artist Safety Survey: Project Collaborators
Artists at Risk Connection

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

NEW Spotighting 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

Wisconsin Arts Board

Opportunity Attraction Fund

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment

Open Door Arts

NEW NCN Articles of Interest | November 21, 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

[Madison Children's Museum announces new co-CEOs](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Midwest vending machines dispense bite-sized art](#)

WXPR, Arts Midwest

[Museum thanks public for support with USS Cobia restoration project](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

[Frida Kahlo Portrait Sells for \\$55 Million, Setting Her Auction Record](#)

The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Sophomore creates first-ever Women in STEM Club at Onalaska High School](#)

WXOW

[UW-Green Bay Welcomes LiveX CEO, Corey Behnke as Practitioner in Residence](#)

Inside UW-Green Bay News

[Opinion | 'We Lost Our Mission': Three University Leaders on the Future of Higher Ed](#)

Guest Essay | The New York Times

This article features Dr. Jennifer Mnookin, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Arts and Healthcare

['Dear Evan Hansen' debuts as a high school musical in Wauwatosa](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Community Arts

[Dane County celebrates Indigenous culture with art, land acknowledgment](#)

WKOW

Fruition Cafe feeds body, soul as part of Near West Side resurgence
Uniquely Milwaukee | Radio Milwaukee

Literary Arts/Libraries

Lisa Bickmore | flit [sparrow]
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

WisconsinEye to stop event coverage after falling short of funds needed to cover costs
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Performing Arts

Music

Sony, Warner and Universal sign AI music licensing deals with startup Klay
AP News

Presenting

Senate Democrats Investigate Kennedy Center Deals With Trump Allies
The New York Times

Other

2025 Wisconsin state Capitol ornament, other gifts now available
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

5 Forces Shaping the 2026 Nonprofit Fundraising Outlook
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

A Grandma's Love For Photo Illuminates Transcendent Values Of Local Living
Volume One Magazine
Through November

The Ornament Trail
MKE Downtown
Through January 18

Arts and Creativity in Education

['Dear Evan Hansen' debuts as a high school musical in Wauwatosa](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Through November 22

[Theatre students take the director's chair for double-feature performances](#)

University of Wisconsin Superior News

November 21 - 22

[A Holiday Tradition Comes Alive: UW-Superior Music Department presents Season of Song](#)

University of Wisconsin Superior News

December 7, 9

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: 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

[Weekend entertainment lined up across the Wausau area](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

This Weekend

['Holidays on The Hop' Returns to Milwaukee's Streetcar](#)

Urban Milwaukee

December 7 – 21

[Free admission days and events at Milwaukee museums and the zoo in December](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | December

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Celebrate Hanukkah through Iberian flavors at Amilinda](#)

OnMilwaukee.com

December 17 – 20

Performing Arts

Music

[Conductor Nicholas McGegan Has a Handle on Handel's 'Messiah'](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

November 21 – 23

[Present Music Offers New Choral Works](#)

Urban Milwaukee

November 23

Presenting

[Branden & James: CelloVoci LIVE from Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

March 27

Theater/Opera

[Next Act's 'Boswell' Brings to Life a Scottish Biographer's 'Illicit' Journal](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Through December 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

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