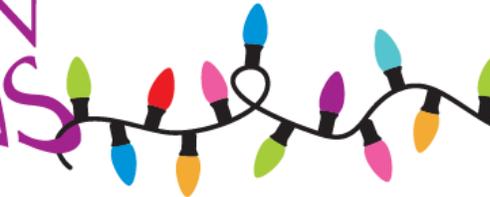


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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

**December 2, 2025**

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*Giving Tuesday*  
**December 2**

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Some say I have a beautiful voice, some say I have not. It is a matter of opinion. All I can say, those who don’t like it shouldn’t come to hear me.” – Maria Callas

“Art is our chief means of breaking bread with the dead.” – W.H. Auden

“If the fine arts and the humanities really didn’t matter, then most of what we call civilization has been a mistake.” – Unknown

“To be a poet is a condition rather than a profession.” – Robert Graves

“It is the individual who can and does make a difference even in this increasingly populous, complex world of ours. The individual can make things happen. It is the individual who can bring a tear to my eye and then cause me to take pen in hand. It is the individual who has acted or tried to act who will not only force a decision but also have a hand in shaping it. Whether acting in the legal, governmental, or private realm, one concerned and dedicated person can meaningfully affect what some consider an uncaring world. So give freely of yourself always to your family, your friends, your community, and your country. The world will pay you back many times over.” – Sandra Day O’Connor

"I never know what I'm going to put on the canvas. The canvas paints itself. I'm just the middleman." – Peter Max

"I need to love my enemies; I made them." – Red Skelton

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Arts Page | A visual history of Milwaukee's punk rock scene told through their poster art.](#)

*Milwaukee PBS*

[Celebrating 50 Years of La Crosse's "Eastbank"](#)

*WXOW*

**Through January 3 | Exhibition**

**December 5 | Reception**

[Interview: Holiday shows for the Eau Claire Children's Theatre](#)

*WEAU*

**December 6 | Starquest 2025**

**December 6, 13, 20 | Polar Express Pajama Party**

**December 12 - 14; 19 - 21 | Scrooge! The Musical**

[Winter events at Villa Terrace Museum & Gardens](#)

*Fox 6 Milwaukee*

**Various | Winter**

[Powwow Bound: Co-Creating Through Culture and Play](#)

*Public Media Innovators*

[This Is 36,000 Voices | Pub Choir sings 'You Get What You Give' \(New Radicals\)](#)

*Pub Choir*

*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** [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Stoughton Opera House Friends Association](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

Also

**NEW** [A resonating Stoughton success: Opera House brings in more than \\$3.2 million](#)

[to area](#)

*The Stoughton Courier Hub*

[Why Are We Drawn to Art?](#)

*Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today*

[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**

**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**

**NEW** [DNR Merch Makes Holiday Shopping Easy](#)

*Urban Milwaukee, WI Department of Natural Resources*

**Through December 7 | Free Shipping**

[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**

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**

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**

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

*Mid-America Arts Alliance*

**Deadline: January 15**

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**

Take A Bite Of Eau Claire's Latest Artist & Photography Collective

*Volume One Magazine*

**Submissions accepted through February 2026**

Madison Art Market brings consignment gallery to West Side

*Wisconsin State Journal*

Museums in Crisis: How the World's Institutions Are Bracing for What's Next

*Artnet News*

Residency Opportunities | December + January

*Artist Communities Alliance*

**Various**

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 4 - Dec 2025

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

Japanese student broadens her horizons at the World Expo in Osaka, Japan

*UWM College of Letters and Science*

Science Brought to Life: UW–Madison to Launch New Department of Biology

*UW-Madison College of Letters and Science*

**Arts and Healthcare**

[A Little Deeper in the Well - and the comfort of the friendly Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting](#)

## **Community Arts**

[Who is participating in GivingTuesday Madison 2025? Share some holiday giving spirit with these organizations on Dec. 2](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Milwaukee seeks public input on Red Arrow Park redesign](#)  
*Hyfin*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Nationally acclaimed Hmong-American chef has Wisconsin roots](#)  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Rüştü Onur | Clouds](#)  
*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## **Media Arts**

[Larry Meiller announces retirement after 58 years on Wisconsin Public Radio](#)  
*The Larry Meiller Show | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[School boards are bastions of democracy, and libraries face funding cuts](#)  
*The Larry Meiller Show | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Mequon actor shines as 'Song Sung Blue' brings hometown story to the big screen](#)  
*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[10 best Milwaukee music releases to check out for December 2025](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

### **Presenting**

[Country Music Star Waives His Fee, Refunds All Tickets After Playing Wisconsin Show—Even for Fans Who Were No-Shows](#)  
*American Songwriter*

### **Theater/Opera**

'Come From Away' Becomes Milwaukee Reps All-Time Best-Selling Show, Surpassing 'A Christmas Carol'

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Through December 14**

Tom Stoppard's Ordinary Magic - "The ordinary-sized stuff which is our lives..."

*The Common Reader*

Also

Tom Stoppard Wrote Dialogue for Indiana Jones and Obi-Wan Kenobi

*The New York Times*

Appreciation: Tom Stoppard reinvigorated the comedy of ideas

*Los Angeles Times*

## Other

The mayhem vs. the moment - Some recalibrating words from the late, great Tom Stoppard  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes*

How Nonprofit Direct Mail Sparks Big Digital Engagement

*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

Beloit Art Center sets December exhibits

*Beloit Daily News*

**Through December | Helen Klebesadel and Susan Porubcan**

re:Craft and Relic returns in 2026 with a two-day indoor Winter Market- January 31st and February 1st, 2026

*Urban Milwaukee*

**January 31 – February 1**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

Upside Down & Backwards | UW Art Lofts

*Isthmus*

**December 2 – 7**

## Community Arts

[Manitowoc events this week include return of Christmas Tree Ship Day](#)  
*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

**This Week**

[18 Things to Do in Milwaukee This December](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December**

## **Media Arts**

[Stars of “The Godfather of Green Bay” Reminisce Ahead of Madison Screening](#)

*Civic Media*

**December 4**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[‘Story of the Nutcracker’ returns to UW–Parkside for a one-weekend run in](#)

December

*Racine County Eye*

**December 13 – 14**

### **Music**

[A Candlelight Concert](#)

*WPR Music, Arts & Culture calendar*

**December 6**

### **Theater/Opera**

[‘Come From Away’ Becomes Milwaukee Reps All-Time Best-Selling Show, Surpassing ‘A Christmas Carol’](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Through December 14**

[Not even flood damage can stop Milwaukee Rep's 'A Christmas Carol'](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

**Through December 24**

[CVTG: Twilight Bowl \(at the Grand Theatre\)](#)

*Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*

**February 12 – 15; 19 – 22**

[Stool Pigeon Pete Dinner Theater EXPERIENCE at Heyde Center for the Arts](#)

*Go Chippewa County*

**May 8**

## OPPORTUNITIES

### NEW Residency Opportunities | December + January

*Artist Communities Alliance*

**Various**

### Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant

*St. Croix Valley Foundation*

**Deadline: Rolling**

### 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**

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**

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**

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**

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**

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

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[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**

[Wisconsin public school districts encouraged to apply for Fab Labs Grants](#)

*WEDC*

**Deadline: January 15**

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

*Mid-America Arts Alliance*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Gottlieb Foundation invites applications from mature artists](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Les Paul Foundation invites applications for music programs](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[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**

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

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

**NEW** Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students  
*National Alliance for Musical Theater | National Endowment for the Arts*  
**February 2 | Draft 1 Submission Deadline**

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

USArtists International  
*Mid Atlantic Arts*  
**Deadline: February 25**

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**

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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