

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

December 10, 2025

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“My paintings are not about what is seen. They are about what is known forever in the mind.” – Agnes Martin

“A genuine work of art must mean many things; the truer its art, the more things it will mean. If my drawing, on the other hand, is so far from being a work of art that it needs THIS IS A HORSE written under it, what can it matter that neither you nor your child should know what it means? It is there not so much to convey a meaning as to wake a meaning. If it do not even wake an interest, throw it aside. A meaning may be there, but it is not for you. If, again, you do not know a horse when you see it, the name written under it will not serve you much.” – George MacDonald

“The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.” – Elie Wiesel

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.” – Desmond Tutu

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all.” – Emily Dickinson

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Nathaniel K Lynn | Meet the Artist](#)
Milwaukee PBS

Also
[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Nathaniel K Lynn | VOL65 – Deceit](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Confused By Social Prescribing? The Splossary Can Help!](#)
SciTube

[Billy Strings: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and Billy Strings

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 [Wisconsin Arts Board Quarterly Meeting](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board
December 12

NEW [A Transformational Investment in Midwestern Creativity](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW [Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!](#)
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists
Deadline: March 2

NEW [Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026](#)
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain
Begins January 2, 2026

[FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program Now Open](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board
Deadline: March 19

[Deep Revenue Losses Concentrate Among Large Organizations, Others See Slowing Growth](#)
SMU DataArts

[The 25 Defining Art Events of 2025](#)
ARTnews

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

Also
[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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <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 21, 2025](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Technology Support Specialist (Full-Time)

MIAD

Application Review Begins December 15; Until Filled

Artistic Director

Renaissance Theaterworks, Avra Search Partners

Deadline: January 9

Art & Design History Faculty (Full-Time)

MIAD

Application Review Begins January 12; Until Filled

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

35th Anniversary Conference | Building Our Future Together

Artist Communities Alliance

Through December 11 | Santa Fe, NM

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

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

Gov. Evers, PSC Announce Applications Open for Nonprofit Access Grant Program

Office of Governor Evers

Deadline: February 2

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

Business of Art Conference V

Dane Arts

April 23 – 24 | Madison

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

American Alliance of Museums

Through January 16 | Super Early Bird Registration

May 20 - 23 | Philadelphia

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

[Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!](#)
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[Milwaukee man helps decorate White House for Christmas](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Boosting preschool readiness: A librarian's impact with PBS KIDS resources](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Entangling Arts and Literacy in Education](#)
Arts Ed Amplified | Arts Education Partnership

[It's not a spoon —it's an introduction to wood - UW-Madison's woodworking program combines art and craft](#)
Isthmus

[UW-Superior music celebrates annual "Season of Song" holiday concert](#)
Fox 21 Local News

[Extending Reality in Actor Training: Benefits, Repercussions, & Legal Implications](#)
Arts Management & Technology Laboratory

Arts and Healthcare

[Confused By Social Prescribing? The Splossary Can Help!](#)
SciTube

Community Arts

[Holiday Magic, Milwaukee Music & Gingerbread Masterpieces](#)
What's on Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin's glacial landscapes on display in 'Skunk and Badger' trilogy](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Boswell Books' Daniel Goldin shares top 2025 recommendations](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

[Emily Dickinson | Fame is a bee. \(1788\)](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Listen to 'Archive Dive': Superior women were theater, radio and television pioneers](#)
Superior Telegram

Performing Arts

NEW [Flynn Breakthrough - Open call for performances for public spaces](#)
The Flynn

Deadline: January 23

Dance

[Fall for Modern Dance With This Masterpiece](#)
The New York Times

Presenting

[TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME? Eaux Claires Festival Hints At Return](#)
Volume One Magazine

[\[PHOTOS\] CHUG & GRUB: Clear Water Comedy Hosts Eating Contest](#)
Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[Listen to 'Archive Dive': Superior women were theater, radio and television pioneers](#)
Superior Telegram

Other

[What steps has your nonprofit taken to become more environmentally sustainable?](#)
Blue Avocado

[How Nonprofits Can Improve Donor Personalization With a Smart Data Strategy](#)
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>.

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Photo Series: UWL ceramics sale](#)
The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse
December 9 – 10

Community Arts

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Dec. 11-14 in Stevens Point

Stevens Point Journal

December 11 – 14

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Dec. 11-14 in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

December 11 – 14

Folk Arts/Folklife

Now in Its Fifth Year, Wisconsin's Largest Public Chanukah Celebration Returns to Bayshore

Milwaukee Magazine

December 14

Literary Arts/Libraries

Cover to Cover Book Club | Pearl Street Books

La Crosse Local

December 10

Performing Arts

Dance

A timeless tradition, The Nutcracker returns this weekend

WXOW

December 12 – 14

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Flynn Breakthrough - Open call for performances for public spaces

The Flynn

Deadline: January 23

NEW Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists

Deadline: March 2

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

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

Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists

Philanthropy News Digest

December 15 | Applications Available

January 15 | Application Deadline

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

Golden Haiku Poetry Competition

Golden Triangle

Deadline: January 11

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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