

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

December 15, 2025

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I like writing because you can make things happen and turn out the way they never do in real life.” – Rob Reiner

“A sculptor is a person who is interested in the shape of things, a poet in words, a musician by sounds.” – Henry Moore

“How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world! How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution toward introducing justice straightaway... And you can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness!” – Anne Frank

“My creed is that public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation with full recognition that every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration, that constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought, that smears are not only to be expected but fought, that honor is to be earned but not bought.” – Margaret Chase Smith

“A man needs a little madness, or else he never dares cut the rope and be free.” – Zorba the Greek

“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.” – Jack Handey

VIDEO OF THE DAY

From the archives: Three with Rob Reiner
CBS Sunday Morning

Weaving the Future: The First Taproot Fellows Gathering in Washington, D.C.
Alliance for California Traditional Arts

Valerie | Clarence Bekker & Friends | Playing For Change | Mark's Park
Playing For Change

The Mavericks: 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 NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadlines: February 12, July 9

A Transformational Investment in Midwestern Creativity
Arts Midwest

Deep Revenue Losses Concentrate Among Large Organizations, Others See Slowing Growth
SMU DataArts

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 | December 12, 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

[NEW Internship Opportunities](#)
Peninsula Players
Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23

[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

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

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

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

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

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026
Travel Wisconsin
March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program Now Open

Wisconsin Arts Board

Deadline: March 19

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

Milwaukee County Historical Society Announces Call for Nominations for the 2026 Public Art Award Presented by Janice and Stephen Marcus

Urban Milwaukee

Nominations open from January 2 – 31

BETWEEN CLOUDS AND DREAMS: A Conversation With Jing Huang & ChengOu Yu

Volume One Magazine

Unlocking Teen Genius: A New Toolkit for Museums Designing the Future

Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

[Art museums were prepared for vandals. Then came the thieves.](#)
MSN, The Wall Street Journal

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Obituary | Mel E. Pontious](#)
Adams and Swanson Funeral Home

[Sounds of the Season: Chilton High School Concert Choir](#)
Fox 11 News

[GAME CHANGERS: Blue Devils Esports Team Is 'Turning Heads'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Legislative Panel Approves Teaching Requirements for UW Faculty](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Healthcare

[Unlocking Teen Genius: A New Toolkit for Museums Designing the Future](#)
Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Community Arts

[Milwaukee Arts Groups Depend on Donors – but the Funding Is Harder to Find](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[CHARLANDO CON AMIGOS: Catching Up With Friends At Eau Claire's 'Habla En La Cabra'](#)
Volume One Magazine

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Hanukkah Lights 2025](#)
Special Series: Hanukkah Lights: Stories of the Season | NPR

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Ahead Of Its 10th Year, C.V. Writers Guild Receives \\$25K Gift From The Fousts](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Jim Dan Hill Library welcomes generous donation from Northland College](#)
Ashland Daily Press

[Michael Bazzett | Kalsarikänni](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Christmas Movie Highlights Wisconsin's Agricultural Heritage](#)
Wisconsin Agricultural Tourism Association

[Rob Reiner, Actor Who Went on to Direct Classic Films, Dies at 78](#)
The New York Times

Also
[Rob Reiner son Nick Reiner arrested after director, wife Michele killed](#)
CBS News

[Live Updates: Hollywood Director Rob Reiner and His Wife, Michele, Are Found Dead](#)
The New York Times

[Rob Reiner, 'When Harry Met Sally' director, 'All in the Family' actor and political activist, dead at 78](#)
MSN, Los Angeles Times

[Hollywood pays tribute to filmmaker Rob Reiner and wife Michele](#)
NPR

[Rob Reiner Remembered: One of Hollywood's Great Comic Voices Meets a Tragic End](#)
Variety

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

Performing Arts

Music

[QUICK HITS: Three New Album, EP Releases Reflect On Winter's Seasonal Shifts](#)
Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[As Regional Theaters Struggle, Some Defy the Odds](#)
The New York Times

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

Other

[Validating Impact: What Today's Donors Expect From Nonprofits](#)
NonProfit Pro

3 Fundraising Ethics Lessons From the Nevermore Academy in 'Wednesday'
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

Frank Lloyd Wright's forgotten chair designs on display at Museum of Wisconsin Art
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio
Through January 25

CONTROL THE KILOPIXEL: E.C. Resident's Latest 'Impractical' Installation
Volume One Magazine
On Exhibit

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: BEEFUS, A John Waters Christmas and more Isthmus Picks
Isthmus
December 15 – 18

Literary Arts/Libraries

Marathon County Public Library programs
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Media Arts

The Prodigal Con Returns: No Brand Con Is Coming Back To Eau Claire In 2026
Volume One Magazine
May 1 – 3

Performing Arts

Music

Hometown talent to shine at La Crosse Symphony's Dec. 20 show
La Crosse Tribune
December 20

A Sacred Choir, 70 Voices Strong - Chant Claire sings spiritual works of the season, mostly contemporary works.

Urban Milwaukee
December 20 – 21

Theater/Opera

Wisconsin Classic Stage Announces Inaugural 2026/27 Season
Urban Milwaukee
Season

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Submissions for Across the Great Divides: a Search for Poetry, Soul and Understanding in a Divided Nation

City Lore and Bowery Poetry

Deadline: December 31

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Urban Milwaukee

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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

Flynn Breakthrough - Open call for performances for public spaces
The Flynn
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

Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students

National Alliance for Musical Theater | National Endowment for the Arts

February 2 | Draft 1 Submission Deadline

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Deadline: March 2

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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