

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

December 16, 2025

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The function of the imagination is not to make strange things settled, so much as to make settled things strange.” – G. K. Chesterton

“What renders man an imaginative and moral being is that in society he gives new aims to his life which could not have existed in solitude: the aims of friendship, religion, science, and art.” – George Santayana

“Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn’t go away.” – Philip K. Dick

“The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.” – Arthur C. Clarke

“Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.” – Margaret Mead

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Wisconsin Life | An overlook where stories, love and memories grow](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Embracing African Fabrics in Contemporary Quilting | The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show](#)
PBS Wisconsin

Lead like the great conductors | Itay Talgam
TEDGlobal 2009

Singing in Portuguese for Wisconsin Ladies
Andres Colin

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 From day-to-day to disaster: venues shaping local preparedness
National Independent Venue Foundation
December 18 | Webinar

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

NEW National Endowment for the Arts Awards 50 Grants for Celebrating America250: Arts Projects Honoring the National Garden of American Heroes
National Endowment for the Arts

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

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[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

[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

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

Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts
Create Wisconsin
February 16 | 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

Make a difference by supporting Children's Museum's year-end campaign

Stevens Point Journal

Through December

Arts and Creativity in Education

Violins of Hope Wisconsin: Presented by Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra visits Eau Claire

The Spectator | UW-Eau Claire

Augusta School District Esports Team Levels Up, Welcomes Wildlands Charter School
Volume One Magazine

Cambridge teacher up for Global Teacher prize
Leader Independent

Artists invited to submit work to Madison College's 5th Annual Dzigbodi Akyea Art Show
Madison365
Deadline: January 9

Arts and Healthcare

Amidst December Discoveries - make moments creativity and joy
Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Community Arts

Wisconsin's 32 Most Influential Black Leaders for 2025, Part 2
Madison365

Also
Wisconsin's 32 Most Influential Black Leaders for 2025, Part 1
Madison365

Central Wisconsin Hmong Professionals names award winners
Wausau Pilot & Review

Milwaukee Modernism Gains National Awards - But many of city's buildings from that era lack historic protection.
Urban Milwaukee

WISCONSIN 275 | BizTimes Media

The full list may be found here: <https://biztimes.com/wisconsin275/list/>.

Chad Bauman, Ellen & Joe Checota Executive Director, Milwaukee Repertory Theater
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

Shari Black, CEO and executive director, Wisconsin State Fair Park
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

Ellen Censky, President and CEO, Milwaukee Public Museum
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

Laura Gutiérrez, CEO, United Community Center
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

Greg Marcus, President and CEO, The Marcus Corp.
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Christian Øverland](#), Ruth & Hartley Barker Director and CEO, Wisconsin Historical Society
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Sarah Pancheri](#), President and CEO, Milwaukee World Festival
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Joel Plant](#), CEO, Frank Productions Inc.
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Kim Sajet](#), Donna and Donald Baumgartner Director, Milwaukee Art Museum
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Tim Sauers](#), Co-CEO and chief artistic experiences officer, Overture Center
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Annemarie Scobey-Polacheck](#), President and CEO, United Performing Arts Fund
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Jeff Snell](#), CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Christina Turner](#), Executive director, Trout Museum of Art
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Maria Van Laanen](#), President and CEO, Fox Cities PAC
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

[Gary Witt](#), CEO and co-owner, Pabst Theater Group
Wisconsin 275 | BizTimes Media

Literary Arts/Libraries

[ArtRoot Writer-In-Residence Application](#)

ArtRoot

Deadline: December 20 (Writers from Racine and Kenosha Counties)

[Yahya Frederickson | News](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Movie theater CEO turns TikTok star: Greg Marcus on Marcus Theatres keeping up with the latest trends](#)

Y! Entertainment, WGN Chicago

Rivoli owner Jon Gelatt on hit YouTubers headed to La Crosse, never seeing It's A Wonderful Life and questionable Christmas movies

WIZM

Green Bay podcasters dig up long-buried tales in the city's Astor neighborhood

PBS Wisconsin

Performing Arts

StubHub Expands Local Presence Across the U.S. With New Direct Issuance Partnerships in Sports, Music, and Performing Arts

Yahoo! Finance, Business Wire

Music

Fellow Kinsman Is Making Waves in Milwaukee

Milwaukee Magazine

Enjoy 'Winter in Wisconsin' with Kathryn Ryan's debut album

The Spectator | UW-Eau Claire

Other

How Learning Can Help Nonprofits Adapt During Times of Uncertainty

NonProfit Pro

Your business model is a theory, test it often - A changing world demands changing assumptions.

ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

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

Recent Acquisitions | Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Isthmus

February 4 – April 26

Community Arts

Manitowoc things to do — See 'A Krampus Carol,' more events this week

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

This Week

Explore Eau Claire's Saturday Morning Markets for Unique Local Gifts and Artisans

Travel and Tour World

December 20

Media Arts

Take fun workshops at the 2026 Garden & Green Living Expo!

PBS Wisconsin

February 13 – 15

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

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

NEW ArtRoot Writer-In-Residence Application

ArtRoot

Deadline: December 20 (Writers from Racine and Kenosha Counties)

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

NEW 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

NEW Artists invited to submit work to Madison College's 5th Annual Dzigbodi Akyea Art Show

Madison365

Deadline: January 9

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

Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists

Philanthropy News Digest

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

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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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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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