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The board and staff members of the Wisconsin Arts Board wish you and yours a beautiful and peaceful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

The *Wisconsin Arts News* will return on January 5, 2026!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In such an ugly time the true protest is beauty." – Phil Ochs

"Great art is as irrational as great music. It is mad with its own loveliness." – George Jean Nathan

"Art does not reproduce the visible; rather, it makes visible." – Paul Klee

"I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. It might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit." – John Steinbeck

"Who so loves believes the impossible." – Elizabeth Barrett Browning

"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." – Bob Hope

"Is sloppiness in speech caused by ignorance or apathy? I don't know and I don't care." – William Safire

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Mark Richard | VOL67 - The Question](#)
Milwaukee PBS

Also
[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Mark Richard | Meet The Artist](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Lawrence University Jazz Band - November 8, 2025](#)
Lawrence University Conservatory of Music

[Earth, Wind & Fire - December \(Happy Holidays from Berklee\)](#)
Berklee College of Music

[God Only Knows- Pub Choir covers The Beach Boys \(and raises \\$200,000!\)](#)
Pub Choir

[Sixpence None the Richer: 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

FOR THE BOARD

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

NEW [Arts Midwest 2025 Wrapped](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW [Circulating bill would make changes to WEDC grant program](#)
WisBusiness

NEW [Towards Inclusive Data Collection in the Arts](#)
The Wallace Foundation

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

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 | 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 Director of Marketing

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: January 31

NEW Internship Opportunities

Peninsula Players

Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23

Development Director

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre

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

NEW [Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open](#)
Create Wisconsin
February 16 | Application Deadline

Also
[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

NEW [Telling Our Story: 2026 National Arts in Education Conference](#)
Young Audiences Arts for Learning
March 25 – 27 | Washington DC

NEW [Advocacy Summit](#)
Educational Theatre Association
March 26 – 27 | Washington, D.C.

NEW [2026 ABLE Assembly](#)
Berklee Institute for Accessible Arts Education
April 10 – 12 | Boston, MA

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**

NEW 2026 AAAE Conference

Association of Arts Administration Educators

May 28 – 31 | 2026, Boston, MA

NEW 2026 National PTA Convention

National PTA

June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

NEW International Thespian Festival

Educational Theatre Association

June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN

NEW Theatre Education Conference

Educational Theatre Association

July 22 – 24 | New York City, NY

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

[How Local Photographer Nate Vomhof Snapped This Expansive Aerial Shot](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Wisconsin libraries and museums see federal grants restored, worry about volatility](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

[Opinion | The Starving Artist vs. A.I.: Guess Who Is Winning?](#)
Guest Essay | The New York Times

[Thoughts on a Year of Tracking the Top 'Museum Artists'](#)
Artnet News

Arts and Creativity in Education

[UW-River Falls, CVTC continue commitment to a seamless transition for transfer students](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

Arts and Healthcare

[Memory choirs create community, belonging through singing together](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Community Arts

[Mulvas reaffirm gift to community with complimentary admission](#)
Mulva Cultural Center

[Wisconsin's 32 Most Influential Black Leaders for 2025, Part 3](#)
Madison365

[Shop Local With Expanded Eau Claire Chamber eBucks Program](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Michael Perry's "Improbable Mentors & Happy Tangents"](#)
The Larry Meiller Show | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Wisconsin libraries and museums see federal grants restored, worry about volatility](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

[A comprehensive handbook for small public library management](#)
American Library Association

[Ted Kooser | Christmas Mail](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Behind the LED Wall: Technology, Labor, and Economics in Virtual Production](#)
Art Management & Technology Laboratory

Performing Arts

Music

[\[PHOTOS\] A Seasonal Stroll With Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Memory choirs create community, belonging through singing together](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Mic Drop Moments: Leslie Odom Jr.](#)
HYFINated Conversations | HYFIN

Presenting

[\[PHOTOS\] A Decades-Long Holiday Tradition With Mannheim Steamroller Christmas](#)
Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[Top 10 Lists of Top 10 NYC Theater in 2025: Liberation is number 1](#)
New York Theater

Other

[Bylaws Checklist](#)
Blue Avocado

[Giving Tuesday: Protect Your Charitable Donations](#)
WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

[The Hidden Science Inside Every Gift: What Neuroscience Is Teaching Us About Generosity](#)
NonProfit Pro

[From Crisis to Strategy: How a \\$400K Loss Led to a Fundraising Revamp](#)
Fundraising from Individuals | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Opinion | How to Keep Messaging on Track When Every Day Is a Crisis](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[Joan Richter art now on display at library](#)
Sawyer County Record
Through February

[RAM Showcase: Indigenous Baskets](#)
RAM's Wustum Museum
Through April 18

[Abel Contemporary Gallery Exhibits reception](#)
Isthmus
January 9 | Reception
January 9 – February 22 | Exhibition

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Badger High School to feature "White Christmas the Musical"](#)
Lake Geneva Regional News
December 18 - 20

[Fox & Branch's Will Branch | Kids in the Rotunda](#)
Overture Center for the Arts
December 20

[One Sky Project](#)
UW-Stevens Point
April 12

Community Arts

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Dec. 18-21 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
December 18 – 21

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Dec. 18-21 in Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
December 18 – 21

[Stoughton Community Calendar: Dec. 18-28](#)
The Stoughton Courier Hub
December 18 – 28

6 holiday shows you can still see before Christmas 2025

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various

Festive Fun From Cedarburg to the Waukesha Stage

What's on Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ

Various

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Performing Arts

Presenting

Jean's Jazz series returns Jan. 10 as Racine Theatre Guild launches 26th season

Racine County Eye

January 10

The String Cheese Incident Taps Leftover Salmon, Lettuce, Egg & Dogs In A Pile For Campout In The Pines 2026

JamBase

August 14 – 15

Theater/Opera

Racine Theatre Guild sets January auditions for "Girl on the Train," "The Hobbit"

Racine County Eye

January 5 – 6 | "The Girl on the Train"

January 19 – 20 | "The Hobbit"

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

Deadline: January 15

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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

NEW NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: February 12, July 9

Creative Power

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

Call for Art submission deadline: February 14

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Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

USArtists International

Mid Atlantic Arts

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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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