



W I S C O N S I N

# Visual Artists

JUN 25–MAY 26 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Looking back at the last year, my first year with WVA, I am so pleased with the progress we have made together. In 2025 we marked our 125th year, which was an incredible milestone for this organization to reach. In honor of this, we held a 125th Anniversary Party and initiated a written history project, courtesy of writer Annemarie Sawkins.

This project has entered its final stages. after securing funding and will be made available to our members and the public later in 2026.

We have also completed a 125th Anniversary Member Catalog which will be made available to select arts venues in print. This is in the interest of spreading awareness about our members' practices to curators and collectors who may bring sales and future exhibitions to our artists.

Starting in January of 2026, WVA released a schedule of quarterly artist talks and professional practices workshops to ignite statewide programming. In February of 2026, the Wisconsin Artists Biennial opened at the Museum of Wisconsin Art. I am grateful for the support of the MOWA team, including Curator Graeme Reid, and our guest jurors Nicole Jacquard, Taylor Jasper, and Melissa Oresky. Fifty artists were accepted into the Biennial and half of those artists were WVA members.

It has been a wonderful year and none of it could be possible without the ongoing efforts from our volunteer State and Chapter Board Members/Chairs. When you see them next, please give them a heartfelt thank you for their dedication to this organization. To our members, thank you so much for engaging with our organization and helping to make the arts vibrant and connected across the state of Wisconsin.

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Shannon Kupfer  
Executive Director, WVA

# 2026 WISCONSIN ARTISTS BIENNIAL

FEB 7–APRIL 19, 2026 | MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART

## PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Adriana Barrios  
Jennifer Bastian  
Kayla Bauer  
Julie Baugnet  
Willow Bayer  
John Beaver  
Jacklyn Berta  
Susan Boehm  
Aaron Boyd  
Lewis Cadkin  
Craig Clifford  
Kathryn Dreifuerst  
Charlotte Easterling  
Scott Espeseth  
Fatemeh Fani  
Swan Ferraro  
Clarissa Friday

Frankie Suzanne Garr  
Nina Ghanbarzadeh  
Cynthia Hayes  
Kristine Hinrichs  
John Hitchcock  
Douglas Hyslop  
Jayne Reid Jackson  
Kevin Johnson  
Samuel Karow  
Andrea Kidd  
Michael Knapstein  
Daniela Kouzov

Amanda Langer  
Karla Laudén  
Robin Lauersdorf  
Aaron Laux  
Andrew Linskens  
Tanner MacArthur  
Ellen Mahaffy  
Taj Matumbi  
Marie May  
Tina Meister  
Mariah Moneda  
Christopher Murphy  
Angela Piehl



Josef-Peter Römer  
Ciel Skål  
Donald Taylor  
Marta Tereziya  
Kristin Thielking  
Marcia G. Thompson  
Sarah Vandersee  
Voytek

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE AWARD

**NINA GHANBARZADEH**

*THE LOVE THAT WE NEED*



## 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AWARD

**SAMUEL KAROW**

*THE DREAM PORTAL*



## 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE AWARD

**TAJ MATUMBI**

*HUSTLE*



## 4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE AWARD

**JACKLYN BERTA**

*HALLWAY*



## LEE WEISS AWARD

**FANI FATEMEH**

*ENDLESS MOURNING*



## MERIT AWARD

**SWAN FERRARO**

*PRETTY BOY*

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**GRAEME REID**

**CURATOR**

MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART



**NICOLE JACQUARD**

**JUROR**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY



**TAYLOR JASPER**

**JUROR**

WALKER ART CENTER



**MELISSA ORESKY**

**JUROR**

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

# WVAAA

MAY 31, 2026 | MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART

The Wisconsin Visual Arts Achievement Awards (WVAAA) are presented by The Wisconsin Visual Artists, Museum of Wisconsin Art, and The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters to individuals and organizations for their exceptional work in the arts.

## Legacy Awards

**Bruce Crownover**



**Betsy Ritz Friebert**



## Educator Awards (K-12)

**Kelly Frederick Mizer**, Wauwatosa East High Schools



**Erin La Bonte**, Kewaunee Middle and High Schools



## Educator Award (College/University)

**Leslie Fedorchuk**, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design



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## Exhibition Awards

**Trout Museum of Art for A Creative Place: Art from Northeastern Wisconsin 1940 to the Present (2025)**, Christina Turner, Executive Director and Annemarie Sawkins, Guest Curator



**Walker's Point Center for the Arts for Word Wall / Pared Palabras (2025)**, Marcela "Xela" Garcia, Executive Director and Associate Creative Director and Ck Ledesma Borrero, Creative Director and Lead Curator



## Community Arts Advocate Award

**Brandon Minga**, House of RAD



## Emerging Artist Award

**Chad Matha**



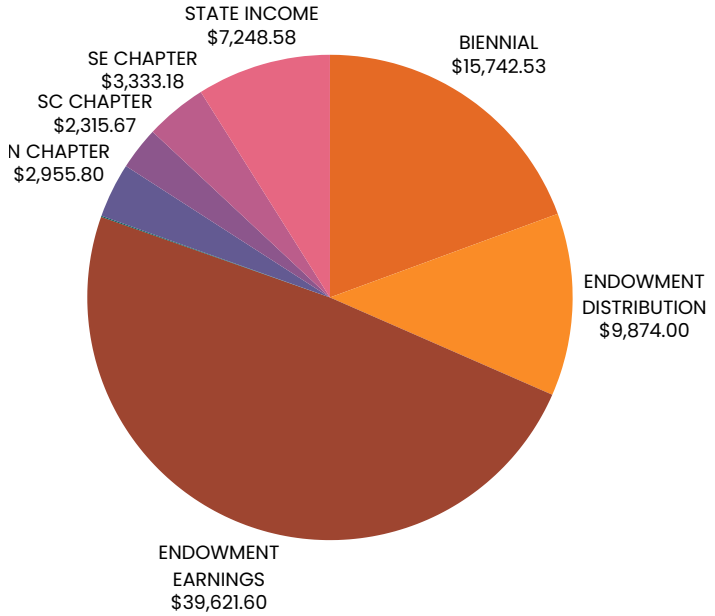
## Arts Writing Award

**Rachel Hausmann Schall**, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Artdose

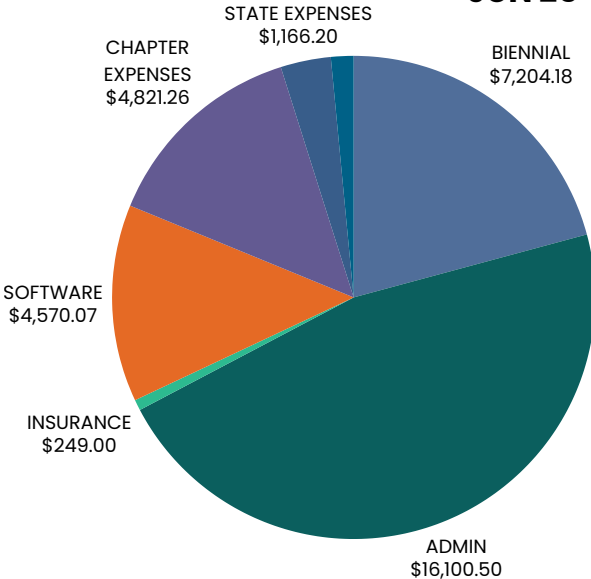


# FINANCIALS

## JUN 25-APR 26 REVENUE



## JUN 25-APR 26 EXPENSES

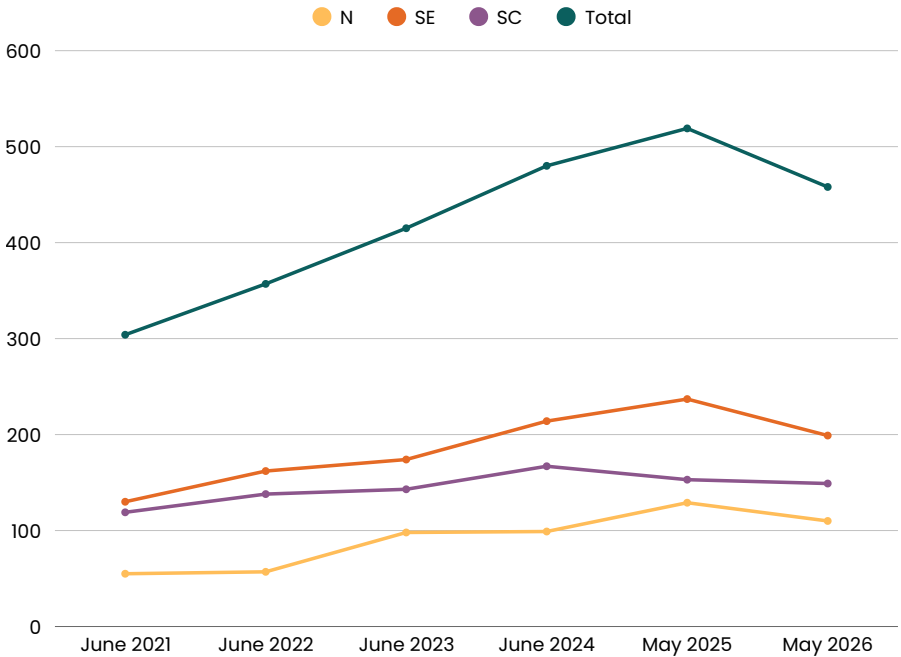


**ENDOWMENT**  
AS OF APR 26

**\$346,325.23**

# MEMBERSHIP

Thank you so much to WVA members for their ongoing support. Membership is central to our nonprofit organization, and continued growth is integral as we plan to bring more opportunities to our artists.



WVA has shown an increase in membership by 50% in the past five fiscal years. Trends in membership renewals and expirations most often correlate to calls for art for the Biennial and the Perspectives exhibitions.

The current membership count is **458 members**. Recent trends show a 10% drop in membership between December 2025 and February 2026 and holding at that level for the first quarter of the calendar year. WVA State Board members are monitoring these levels closely, looking for new or repeating patterns as the year continues.

Our State and Chapter volunteers work hard to encourage renewals and continued engagement with WVA activities. WVA looks forward to future trends upward as we grow as an organization and expand our reach.

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