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Springboard for the Arts and Arts Midwest launch Job Board across the Midwest

The Job Board brings new jobs and paid opportunities to Midwest communities

St. Paul, MN (October 28, 2026) — After over 20 years serving artists in Minnesota, Springboard for the Arts has announced a robust expansion to its lauded online Job Board. Through a new partnership with Arts Midwest, the expanded Job Board will now actively serve the entire Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and the Native Nations that share this geography.

The Job Board features a growing directory of job listings that can be posted to the platform by businesses and employers, connecting them directly with the creative workforce in the Midwest and nationally. In an economy where artists and creative workers increasingly find opportunities beyond their immediate communities, employers recruit across the region, and many jobs are no longer tied to a single location, the expanded Job Board better reflects how arts professionals in the Midwest work and hire today.

The Job Board's reach already extends beyond Minnesota: more than one-quarter of registered employers are based outside the state, with roughly one-quarter of those located elsewhere in the Midwest. To meaningfully expand on this regional audience, Springboard has connected with a regional partner: Arts Midwest.

As one of six Regional Arts Organizations in the United States, Arts Midwest works across nine states and the Native Nations that share this geography to support artists and creative communities. Building on their deep relationships with state arts agencies, arts organizations, and artists across the region, Arts Midwest will help bring more employers and creative workers to the Job Board.

Arts and culture are a significant part of the Midwestern economy. Across the 12 states now covered by the expanded Job Board, arts and cultural production contributed more than $152 billion to state economies and supported more than one million jobs in 2023, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and National Endowment for the Arts. Together, the two organizations aim to make it the place to find and fill arts jobs across the Midwest

The expanded Job Board features include:

- Expanded geographic categories that can be filtered by more than 30 major metro regions across the Midwest
- Improved categories that better reflect the range of work available across the arts and culture sector
- Focus on full-time, part-time, and contract positions
- Robust filtering tools that make it easy for job seekers to tailor their search

“For the last twenty years, the Job Board has been many Minnesota artists’ and arts workers’ first point of contact with Springboard for the Arts…including mine! In 2010, I used it to apply for the job that eventually became my current position.

Artists and arts workers trust our Job Board because it is transparent, focused, and intentionally curated. Springboard for the Arts and Arts Midwest are excited to expand that commitment to transparency and quality beyond Minnesota and serve people across the Midwest who design, fundraise, give tours, balance books, build sets, manage programs, and do the countless other jobs that make our region’s arts and culture sector possible.” – Andy Sturdevant, Artist Resources Manager, Springboard for the Arts

"I hear often from artists and organizations outside of Minnesota that they wish there was a one-stop-shop for arts and culture jobs in the Midwest. Springboard already has a Job Board

people love and trust, so partnering to expand it just made sense. When Midwestern artists can easily find their next job or gig, and Midwestern arts organizations know where to go to find their next great hire, the whole region benefits." - Alana Horton, Director of Content and Communications, Arts Midwest

About Springboard for the Arts

Springboard for the Arts is a national artist-centered community and economic development organization. Our mission is to support artists with the tools to make a living and a life, and to build just and equitable communities full of meaning, joy, and connection. From our offices in Saint Paul and Fergus Falls, Minnesota, we deliver resources locally and nationally tailored to creative workers and pilot bold ideas rooted in local needs.
Learn more about our work at: www.springboardforthearts.org.

About Arts Midwest

Arts Midwest supports, informs, and celebrates Midwestern creativity. We build community and opportunity across Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, the Native Nations that share this geography, and beyond. As one of six nonprofit United States Regional Arts Organizations, Arts Midwest works to strengthen local arts and culture efforts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, state agencies, private funders, and many others. Learn more at artsmidwest.org.