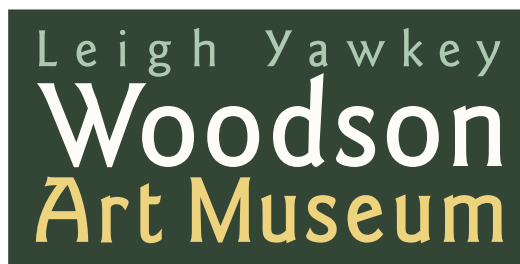




Opening Experience
Attendance & Participation

Thursday, September 4 - Sunday, September 7



Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum | Birds in Art 2025
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What's in Store for the Opening Experience?

Since 1976, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum has organized *Birds in Art* annually, seeking to present the very best contemporary artistic interpretations of birds and related subject matter. Each September, the weekend following Labor Day, we come together to celebrate the opening of the exhibition. For the 50th edition, artists and their guests are invited to Wisconsin for three days of festivities at the Museum.

Review this document to participate and we hope to welcome you to Wausau this fall!

SCHEDULE

Subject to change, an updated schedule will be provided to artists upon arrival in Wausau.

** One guest is permitted to join during these select activities.

Thursday, September 4

Exhibition Preview, 4 - 7pm

Take a first look at *Birds in Art* and enjoy a block party atmosphere with food trucks and programming on the Museum's campus during this exclusive event for Museum members, exhibiting artists, and their guests

Friday, September 5

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Choice of Artist Excursion, 7 am - Noon, varying times**

Welcome Luncheon at The Grand Theater, Noon - 1:30 pm**

Artists-only time in the *Birds in Art* galleries and selection of purchased Project Postcard, 2 - 4 pm

Exhibition Preview, 4 pm - 7 pm

Day two of this exclusive event features changing local food options and variations on complementing programming

50th Year Celebration, 7:30 - 10:30 pm**

An evening at the Hilton Garden Inn for Museum leadership-level members and artists and a guest

Saturday, September 6

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Birds in Art Public Opening, 9 am - 5 pm

Artists in Action, 10:45 - 11:45 am

Point O' Pines Artists' Outing, Noon - dusk**

Enjoy the Northwoods of Wisconsin on the Woodson Family property complete with a Wisconsin inspired supper and numerous activities

Sunday, September 7

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Birds in Art at the Woodson Art Museum, 10 am - 5 pm

Wausau's Artrageous Weekend

Explore these events on your own. During Wausau's Artrageous Weekend 2025, visit five admission-free venues: Art in the Park at Marathon Park, Festival of Arts, the Center for the Visual Arts, and Rise Up Central Wisconsin in downtown Wausau

INSTRUCTIONS

To participate in the *Birds in Art* Opening Experience, please fill out this form by Monday, July 14.

Web Form: This is a fillable Web Form. Please proceed by reviewing this document and filling the necessary fields. You will need to verify your email and then you will be emailed a copy to retain for your records. The Museum will also receive a notification that you have completed this document.

Print and Send: If you choose not to fill out the Web Form, download the PDF from the Participating Artist Page. Please print the forms and clearly and legibly enter all the information. When completed, either return the scanned document via email to bia@lywam.org or send the printed forms via snail mail to the Woodson Art Museum, Attn: Birds in Art Artist Participation, 700 N 12th St., Wausau, WI 54403-5007.

Want to stay in touch after Birds in Art?

Please fill out this page to allow us to share your contact information with fellow exhibiting *Birds in Art* 2025 artists. The Museum will include this information in artist welcome packets for those attending and mail it with the catalogue for those who can't make it to the Opening Experience.

I _____ consent to sharing the following contact information with exhibiting *Birds in Art* 2025 artists.

Please check which personal contact information you'd like the Museum to share with artists and fill in the corresponding field.

☐ Phone number _____

☐ Email _____

☐ Home address _____

Artist signature _____ Date _____

We can't wait for you to join us . . .

ARTIST

First and last name	Pronouns	Current hometown
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Please list any dietary needs

GUEST(S)

****Please keep in mind that only one guest is permitted to join the artist for the Friday morning Artists' Excursions, Friday Welcome Luncheon at the Grand Theater, Friday evening Celebration at the Hilton Garden Inn, and the Saturday Point O' Pines Artists' Outing. When registering for programs (page 6), you will be asked which guest is joining you and their dietary needs.**

Primary Guest

First and last name	Pronouns	Current hometown
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Additional Guest(s)

The Museum will make name tags for your additional guests. Please list their names if you would like to provide them with a name tag.

First and last name	Pronouns	Current hometown
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ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Do you or any of your guests have any additional needs that need to be brought to our attention? If so, please share them below.

TRAVEL

The Museum provides all transportation during the weekend, including trips to and from the airport. Upon arrival at Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) you will board a Hilton Garden Inn shuttle for transportation to the hotel.

By what means will you arrive in Wausau?

☐ Air ☐ Auto

Arrival

Date	Time
Airport (if applicable)	Flight number (if applicable)

Departure

Date	Time
Airport (if applicable)	Flight number (if applicable)

Airlines serving Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) are Delta and American. Traveling into or out of CWA can be expensive and challenging to schedule. When considering flight options, you might want to check flights in alternative cities and the cost of a rental car. This strategy might yield cost-effective alternatives. Nearby airports include:

- Minneapolis (MSP: 180 miles from Wausau)
- Chicago (ORD: 270 miles from Wausau)
- Madison (MSN: 140 miles from Wausau)
- Milwaukee (MKE: 196 miles from Wausau)
- Appleton (ATW: 90 miles from Wausau)
- Green Bay (GRB: 95 miles from Wausau)



If your travel plans change at any time after you've completed this form, please inform us immediately at 715-845-7010 or bia@lywam.org.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Artists will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2101 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401 (715-298-5775). The Museum will book your lodging reservation for you based on information you provide below.

Museum will pay for one-room lodging costs for you and your guest(s) for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. If you plan to arrive earlier or stay longer, we will handle your arrangements, but you must pay for the extra nights with the hotel. The Museum's block rate per night is \$165.00 plus tax.

Check-in time is 3 pm. Meals (other than breakfast), bar tabs, telephone calls, etc. at the hotel are each artist's responsibility and must be paid at check-out; you will be asked to provide a credit card upon check-in.



Do you require hotel accommodations?

- ☐ Yes, I require hotel accommodations ☐ No, I do not require hotel accommodations

What night(s) do you need hotel accommodations in Wausau?

- ☐ Wednesday, September 3 (artist pays)
☐ Thursday, September 4 (Museum pays)
☐ Friday, September 5 (Museum pays)
☐ Saturday, September 6 (Museum pays)
☐ Sunday, September 7 (artist pays)

What type of accommodations do you request?

- ☐ Single, king bed ☐ Double, queen bed ☐ Pet friendly (fee paid by the artist)

Need an additional room?

Do to the increase in artists in the exhibition during this milestone year, we will be extending our footprint to an additional hotel. Artists' guests can book their lodging reservations at the Courtyard by Marriot, 1000 S 22nd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 (715-849-2124) and they will receive the Museum's block rate of \$149.00 per night between Thursday, September 4 and Sunday, September 7.

Please have your guests contact the Courtyard by Marriot or book their reservations online, <https://bit.ly/4hoWfyL>. The last day to book is Monday, August 4, 2025.

EXPERIENCE SIGN-UP

Friday, September 5

Choice of Artist Excursion, please choose one option:

☐ **Mumford Preserve, 7:00 am – 11 am, www.ncctwi.org/mumford-preserve**

After an introduction to the 160-acres property, freely explore a mixed hardwood-conifer forest, wetlands, and frontage on the Eau Claire River just outside of Wausau.

What you'll need:

- Hiking shoes/shoes that can get dirty
- Layers of clothing including rain gear
- Any device/art material to capture your experience

Following your time at the Mumford Preserve. A coach bus will return to the hotel for time to freshen up before lunch at The Grand Theater.



Yawkey House Museum, www.marathoncountyhistory.org

Tour the house that Leigh Yawkey Woodson, our Museum's namesake, grew up in and learn how the Yawkey and Woodson families shaped the history of Wausau.

☐ **Tour 1, 9:30 am - Noon**

Tour the house and then have an extended walking tour (< 2 miles) of Wausau before walking to lunch at The Grand Theater.

☐ **Tour 2, 10:45 am - Noon**

Tour the house then walk four blocks to lunch at The Grand Theater.

☐ **No Experience**

A coach will depart from the Hilton Garden Inn at 11:40 to take you to the Grand Theater for lunch.



Guest's name for your selected experience _____

SPECIAL EVENTS SIGN-UP

Friday, September 5

Welcome Luncheon, Noon - 1:30 pm

Reunite with old friends and spark-up conversations with new ones as we enjoy lunch at the Grand Theater in downtown Wausau. After lunch, coaches will take you to the Museum for artist-only time in the galleries followed by the Exhibition Preview or you can return to the hotel. Coaches will run between the hotel and the Museum every hour.

What you'll need:

- Casual attire

☐ Yes, I will be there! Guest's name _____

Please list any guest dietary needs _____

50th Year Celebration, 7:30-10:30 pm

Both the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum and *Birds in Art* is entering it's 50th year! Celebrate with us and leadership-level members at the Hilton Garden Inn. Complimentary beverage and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

What you'll need:

- Cocktail attire

☐ Yes, I will be there! Guest name _____

Saturday, September 6

Point O' Pines Outing, Noon - dusk

After the Saturday morning programs at the Woodson Art Museum, pick-up your boxed lunch and hop on a bus to head "Up North." During this lakeside retreat, enjoy dinner and refreshments along with activities including yard games, boat tours of Lake Katherine, and a guided hike. In inclement weather, there are plenty of alternatives to offer relaxation and camaraderie to conclude the art-filled weekend.

What you'll need:

- Good shoes that can get dirty
- Layers of clothing, it can get chilly at night
- Swim clothing if you choose to take a dip in Lake Katherine



☐ Yes, I will be there! Guest name _____

Please list any guest dietary needs _____