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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“I can not do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something that I can do.” – Helen Keller

“Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day.” – Thornton Wilder

“What is wonderful about great literature is that it transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote, and brings to birth in us also the creative impulse.” – E. M. Forster

“The true poet has no choice of material. The material plainly chooses him, not he it.” – J. D. Salinger

“How often people speak of art and science as though they were two entirely different things, with no interconnection...That is all wrong. The true artist is quite rational as well as imaginative and knows what he is doing; if he does not, his art suffers. The true scientist is quite imaginative as well as rational, and sometimes leaps to solutions where reason can follow only slowly; if he does not, his science suffers.” – Isaac Asimov

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.” – Cicero

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[The Arts Page | This ASL interpreter is building a community resilience hub with art as its foundation.](#)

*Milwaukee PBS*

[New Year, new stories: Three series premiere on PBS Wisconsin this January](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

[Returning this January: New seasons of PBS Wisconsin fan favorites](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

[A 'Finding Your Element' Special](#)

*Sir Ken Robinson Foundation*

[Heroes \(David Bowie Cover\) - Postmodern Jukebox feat. Sara Niemietz](#)

*Postmodern Jukebox*

*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](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Mary Anne Carter Confirmed as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

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

*WisBusiness*

[NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Deadlines: February 12, July 9**

[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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[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 17, 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** [Kids Is Hiring | Executive Director](#)

*Kids from Wisconsin*

**Deadline: January 20**

[Director of Marketing](#)

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: January 31**

**NEW** [Assistant Box Office Manager](#)

*Peninsula Players*

**Deadline: February 23**

Also

**NEW** [Production Positions Available](#)

*Peninsula Players*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

[Technical Director](#)

[Carpenter](#)

[Lighting & Sound Supervisor](#)

[Costume Shop Supervisor](#)

[Costume Technician](#)

[Prop Shop Supervisor](#)

[Props Artisan](#)

Internship Opportunities

*Peninsula Players*

**Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23**

**NEW Communications and Operations Manager**

*Strategic National Arts Alumni Project*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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**

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 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**

Telling Our Story: 2026 National Arts in Education Conference

*Young Audiences Arts for Learning*

**March 25 – 27 | Washington DC**

Advocacy Summit

*Educational Theatre Association*

**March 26 – 27 | Washington, D.C.**

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**

2026 AAAE Conference

*Association of Arts Administration Educators*

**May 28 – 31 | 2026, Boston, MA**

2026 National PTA Convention

*National PTA*

**June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA**

International Thespian Festival  
*Educational Theatre Association*  
**June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN**

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**

2026 Nohl Fellowship winners include two well-known Milwaukee artists  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

AN OPEN CALL: ArtsWest 47 Seeks New Submissions For Annual Juried Exhibition  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: January 20**

Call for Artists  
*Trout Lake Station Artist in Residence Program*  
**Deadline: January 31**

January 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists  
*Colossal*  
**Deadlines: Various**

[Call for Art | Creative Power](#)

*Arts for All Wisconsin*

**Deadline: February 14**

[Terra Foundation for American Art invites LOIs for Convening Grants program](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: February 16 (Letters of Inquiry)**

[Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: March 1**

[Our Favorite Stories of 2025](#)

*Colossal*

[January 2026: Belonging](#)

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Finding His Voice: Jerome Porter's journey through music at UW-Parkside](#)

*Universities of Wisconsin*

[Call for Art | Creative Power](#)

*Arts for All Wisconsin*

**Deadline: February 14**

[Call for Proposals](#)

*2026 Play Make Learn Conference*

**Deadline: March 9**

## **Arts and Healthcare**

## **Community Arts**

[Obituary | Carol Toussaint](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

[More Than A Mural Project Secures Location In Eastside Hill Neighborhood](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

[North Barstow BID Beautification Grant Open Through Jan. 16](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: January 16**



[Mandel Cultural Leadership Program](#)  
*Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership*  
**Deadline: February 13**

[December 2025](#)  
*Imagine MKE*

[YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW with Lafayette Crump](#)  
*Hyfin*

[158 Goodbye Leni Sloan: Artist, Activist, Catalyst](#)  
*Art Is Change: Strategies & Skills for Activist Artists & Cultural Organizers | Bill Cleveland*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Terra Foundation for American Art invites LOIs for Convening Grants program](#)  
*Philanthropy News Digest*  
**Deadline: February 16 (Letters of Inquiry)**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[ICYMI Jerry Apps, chronicler of Wisconsin history and rural life, dies at 91](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[New McMillan director aims to build on WI Rapids library's success](#)  
*Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*

[Manitowoc Public Library joins others in eliminating fines for overdue materials](#)  
*WTAQ*

[Carrie Williams Clifford | The New Year](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

['Song Sung Blue' tells the real-life love story of Neil Diamond tribute band from Milwaukee](#)  
*Wisconsin Public Radio*

Also  
['Song Sung Blue,' about Milwaukee band, recoups budget at box office](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Wisconsin's Own Screenplay Contest](#)  
*Wisconsin Screenwriter's Symposium*  
**Late Entry Deadline: January 16**

[Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)  
*Wisconsin Screenwriter's Symposium*  
**Deadline: January 28**

[TV Writers' Room Workshop Application](#)  
*Wisconsin Screenwriter's Symposium*  
**Deadline: February 20**

## **Performing Arts**

[Wisconsin performing arts organizations hit by ticket scams](#)  
*Wisconsin Public Radio*

### **Dance**

[Opinion | Whatever Ails You, the Answer Is Dance](#)  
*Guest Essay | The New York Times*

### **Music**

[How father-son relationship and rural roots shaped this Madison-area rock band](#)  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Green Bay record shop celebrates three-year anniversary of relocation](#)  
*WeAreGreenBay.com*

[Remembering the musicians who died in 2025](#)  
*The Well-Tempered Ear*

[Feeling Old Yet? These Iconic Albums Turn 50 in 2026](#)  
*Mental Floss*

## **Other**

[The Future is Now: Our Most-Read Articles and Most-Downloaded Podcasts of the Year](#)  
*Arts Management and Technology Laboratory*

[Bylaws Checklist](#)  
*Blue Avocado*

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

## **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

[80th art annual juried exhibition now at the Neville Public Museum](#)

*NBC 26*

**Through February 8**

[Nocturne Exhibit at No Instructions Gallery](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**January 9 – February 27**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[UWO invites community to January listening sessions on strategic plan](#)

*Appleton Post-Crescent*

**January 14, 22**

[Diva Quest 2026 Live Finals Set for Jan. 31 in Kenosha](#)

*Kenosha County Eye*

**January 31**

## Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Model Railroad School and more Isthmus Picks](#)

*Isthmus*

**Through January 8**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[Winter Writers Reading Series](#)

*Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts*

**Series**

## Media Arts

[See 'Sully' at Sheboygan Co. Airport for Miracle on the Hudson event](#)

*Sheboygan Press*

**January 9**

## Performing Arts

### Music

Freezing Man: 'Rock camp for musicians'

*Isthmus*

**January 9 – 10**

## **Theater/Opera**

Ripcord

*Racine Theatre Guild*

**January 16 – February 1**

## **Other**

Science on Tap: Appreciating the bats of Wisconsin

*WXPR*

**January 8**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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*Philanthropy News Digest*

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*2026 Play Make Learn Conference*

**Deadline: March 9**

**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**

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 15 | Intent to Apply**  
**January 29 | Application Deadline**

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*  
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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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