



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

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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!

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

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[2026 Co-op Sell Sheets](#)
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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
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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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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

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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

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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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