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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is no perfect time to write. There's only now.” – Barbara Kingsolver

“Nothing sickens me more than the closed door of a library.” – Barbara W. Tuchman

“The only sin is mediocrity.” – Martha Graham

“There are years that ask questions and years that answer.” – Zora Neale Hurston

“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.” – Abraham Lincoln

“An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory.” – Millard Fillmore

“I've been on a diet for two weeks and all I've lost is two weeks.” – Totie Fields

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[SAY HOWDY DARLIN\(S\)! Fall Creek Duo Brings Country Twang To Town](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Ticket scalping is causing an impact to events in western Wisconsin](#)
WEAU

The Truth About Elizabeth Zimmermann
Rosemary & Pines Fiber Arts

"Four" w/ Emmet Cohen, Jeremy Pelt & Tivon Pennicott
Emmet Cohen

Great Grandpa: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music

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 Spotlighting Wisconsin - Adamah Art Studios
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Public Encouraged to Send in Valentines for Veterans
On Focus
Deadline: January 31

NEW 2025 Senate Bill 580
Wisconsin State Senate

“An Act to create 100.172 of the statutes; relating to: selling and reselling entertainment tickets and providing a penalty.” The Senate Committee on Committee on Utilities, Technology and Tourism has scheduled a hearing on this bill. Learn more [here](#).

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

NEW Town Hall for Local Arts Education Supervisors

Arts Education Partnership

February 4 | Virtual

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

The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Winter Cycle

Lynden Sculpture Garden

Deadline: Until the funds for the cycle are exhausted

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Appleton North HS has taken top drama honors for 27 years. Here's how.](#)
Appleton Post-Crescent

[Why Theatre Training Could Be the Future of K-12 Education](#)
PsychED | Psychology Today

[Town Hall for Local Arts Education Supervisors](#)
Arts Education Partnership
February 4 | Virtual

[How Music Makes Us Human](#)
The Arts | On Wisconsin

[WI Technical Colleges Growing, 4-Year Universities Struggling](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Healthcare

[What happens in the brain when we experience art](#)
Monitor on Psychology | American Psychological Association

Community Arts

[Northwest Side Theater Adding Outdoor Space](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Uniquely Wisconsin features three Pierce County staples in video series](#)
Pierce County Journal

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Jerry Apps, Wisconsin's late rural storyteller, leaves a literary legacy](#)
Wisconsin State Farmer

[Volunteer with WriteGirl](#)
WriteGirl
Deadline: January 20

[In 2025, most Americans read fewer than four books.](#)
Literary Hub

[Jacob Shores-Argüello | The Names of Grasses](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Neil Diamond gives signed guitar to Hugh Jackman of 'Song Sung Blue'](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

['Song Sung Blue' Director Craig Brewer Says Studios Kept Rejecting His Movie About a Midwestern Couple: Audiences Won't 'Like These People'](#)
Variety

[Lights, camera and action in Wisconsin](#)
Madison Magazine

Also
[Is Wisconsin the next film hub? | Wisconsin's Midday News](#)
620 WTMJ

[Refocusing Innovation Grief into the Future of Creative Work - Hollywood lost 42,000 jobs. Now what?](#)
Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

[Blockchains or Pawprints? Furies as a case-study for understanding digital art provenance through NFTs and community governance](#)
Arts Management & Technology Laboratory

[Will NPR be ok? And why I believe the answer is yes...eventually.](#)
Substack | Ari Shapiro

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Béla Fleck Withdraws From Kennedy Center Concerts](#)
The New York Times

Also
[Kennedy Center faces artist cancellations, drop in ticket sales after Trump's name added](#)
PBS NewsHour

Other

[Opinion | The Talent Crisis Hurting Nonprofits — and America](#)
The Commons | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Grant Writing Isn't Overhead — It's Infrastructure](#)
Blue Avocado

[How Planned Giving Relationships Drive Long-Term 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

Milwaukee Public Museum Kicks Off Final Year with First of Five “Greatest Hits” Exhibit Celebrations: Ancient Civilizations

Urban Milwaukee

January 10 – February 14

Arts and Creativity in Education

David Landau | Kids in the Rotunda

Overture Center for the Arts

January 10

Community Arts

CivicCon: Free community forum in Janesville to explore the value of urban planning

Janesville News Report

January 8

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Jan. 8-11 in Stevens Point

Stevens Point Journal

January 8 – 11

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Jan. 8-11 in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

January 8 – 11

More Than 40 Ice Sculptures to Transform Downtown Kenosha During Snow Daze Festival

Kenosha County Eye

January 24

Flying Lessons Workshop

Escape Adulthood

January 24

Folk Arts/Folklife

Pączki Party & Mardi Gras Dessert Tasting Experience

Racine County Eye

February 1

Media Arts

WMSE's Art & Music Event Returns to the Historic Pritzlaff Building on February 6
Urban Milwaukee
February 6

Performing Arts

Music

Enjoy a free night of music with CWM Jazz Ensemble in Rothschild
Wausau Daily Herald
January 13

An on-stage heart attack leads to reflection and change for Rob Dz
Isthmus
January 17

Presenting

STEEM back at Braumart on Friday for one show
Iron Mountain Daily News
January 9

Milwaukee Public Market to host free winter music series
Urban Milwaukee
January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10

Force Fields Fest Makes Contact With An Extraterrestrial 2026 Lineup
Volume One Magazine
June 5 – 6

Eaux Claires Music Festival Plots Return
Mpls.St.Paul
July 24 - 25

Theater/Opera

First Stage Collaborates with Local, Best-Selling Author to Stage Lovabye Dragon
Urban Milwaukee
January 24 – February 15

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Winter Cycle
Lynden Sculpture Garden and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Deadline: Until the funds for the cycle are exhausted

NEW January 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

Residency Opportunities

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

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

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

NEW Volunteer with WriteGirl

WriteGirl

Deadline: January 20

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

Deadlines: February 12, July 9

NEW Mandel Cultural Leadership Program

Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership

Deadline: February 13

NEW Call for Art | Creative Power

Arts for All Wisconsin

Deadline: February 14

NEW Terra Foundation for American Art invites LOIs for Convening Grants program

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: February 16 (Letters of Inquiry)

NEW Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program - submission portal now open

Create Wisconsin

February 16 | Application Deadline

NEW TV Writers' Room Workshop Application

Wisconsin Screenwriter's Symposium

Deadline: February 20

USArtists International

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

NEW Apply for the John Michael Kohler Arts Center's 2027 Arts/Industry Residency

Colossal

Deadline: February 28

NEW Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: March 1

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

NEW Call for Proposals

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

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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