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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"All things are possible until they are proved impossible --- and even the impossible may only be so as of now." – Pearl S. Buck

"Hope is the eternal tool in the survival kit for mankind. We hope for a little luck, we hope for a better tomorrow, we hope — although it is an impossible hope — to somehow get out of this world alive. And if we can't and don't, then it is enough to rejoice in our short time here and to remember how much we loved the view." – Sidney Poitier

"Some would be sages if they did not believe they were so already." – Baltasar Gracián

"We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still." – John Stuart Mill

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." – Voltaire

"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense." – Tom Clancy

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[Video: Immortal Girlfriend plays 'Daybreak'](#)

*Sound Check | Tap Milwaukee | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Also

[Will Bush of Milwaukee band Immortal Girlfriend 'a constant dreamer](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Mozart Variations on a French Folk Song performed by PianoArts Alumni](#)  
*Sue Medford*

[Broadway star brings big dreams to Wausau students](#)  
*WAOW*

[Superior Arts Council relaunches after pandemic pause](#)  
*WDIO*

**January 9 | Opening Night Celebration**

[INTERVIEW: Busy January for Eau Claire Children's Theatre](#)  
*WEAU*

**January 9 – 11 | The Sideways Stories from Wayside School**

**January 17, 24 and 31 | Cinderella's Birthday Party**

**January 23 – 24; 30 – 31 | Murder at Camp Oxford Murder Mystery Dinner**

[Cyndi Lauper "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" with Avril Lavigne | Rock Hall 2025 Induction](#)  
*Rock & Roll Hall of Fame*

*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 87 New GIG Fund Grants Power Creativity and Wellness Across the Midwest](#)**  
*Arts Midwest*

The Arts Board congratulates these Wisconsin GIG Fund 2025-26 Grantees: Black Arts MKE; Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support, DePere; Prairie Music & Arts, Sun Prairie; Pump House Regional Arts Center, La Crosse; River Arts, Prairie Du Sac; and Wormfarm Institute, Reedsburg.

The Arts Board also congratulates these Wisconsin GIG Fund: Arts and Wellness 2025-26 Grantees: Danceworks, Milwaukee and Fox Valley Memory Project, Menasha.

**[NEW Public Encouraged to Send in Valentines for Veterans](#)**  
*On Focus*

**Deadline: January 31**

**NEW Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round**

*Wisconsin Humanities*

**Deadline: March 16**

**NEW Spotighting Wisconsin - Adamah Art Studios**

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**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**

Last chance to vote in Members' Show 2025

*Washington County Daily News*

**Vote through January 10**

Discovery World Workers Win Union Election

*Urban Milwaukee*

How museums can help rebuild trust in a divided America

*The Conversation*

Art World Insiders Make Their New Year's Predictions for 2026

*ARTnews*

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

St. Croix Valley Foundation awards \$42,000 in Music Education Grants to schools across the valley

*Hudson Star-Observer*

Leadership and Organizational Update

*National Guild for Community Arts Education*

The Time Has Come for Youth Development

*The Wallace Foundation*

A new Humanities building and other developments UW-Madison has in the works this year

*Wisconsin State Journal*

## Arts and Healthcare

[Notable Quotables: Creative Forces and the Power of Connection](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts Blog*

## Community Arts

[Valley Arts Grants | Fueling Creativity. Building Community.](#)

*St. Croix Valley Foundation*

**Deadline: January 23 | WI applicants must be in one of the following counties:  
Burnett, Polk, Pierce, St. Croix**

[Senior Parkour Proves That Age Is Just a Number](#)

*Arts Midwest*

[Is Lake Geneva the friendliest town in Wisconsin? Here's what World Atlas thinks.](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal, USA Today Network*

[Family uses Christmas light show to help raise \\$8K to offset newborn's medical bills](#)

*WSAW*

[BEYOND THE MIDWAY: How The Northern Wis. State Fair Boosts The Valley's Economy](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

## Folk Arts/Folklife

[WE THE PEOPLE: The history of booyah, a Belgian dish that's become a northeast](#)

[Wisconsin tradition](#)

*WBAY*

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[Opinion | Jerry Apps was Wisconsin's story teller](#)

*The Capital Times*

[Prolific Kenosha author Michael Schumacher wrote many books at Franks Diner](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[UW-Green Bay's new library hits high point in construction with 'topping out' ceremony](#)

*Fox 11 News*

[Cole Swensen | Birds on Statues](#)

*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## Performing Arts

### Dance

[Fred Astaire Moving Its Studio](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

## **Music**

[7 fun things about timeless Packers anthem, 'Bears Still Suck Polka'](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay Press-Gazette*

[Thunder Live: Claire Sardina Shines at Paulie's Pub](#)  
*Milwaukee Magazine*

## **Presenting**

[Breese Stevens Field organizers seeking to bring more concerts to the Near East Side venue](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[O-1B Work Visas For 'Elite Artists' Going To OnlyFans Models: Attorney](#)  
*Newsweek*

## **Other**

[5 Trends That Will Shape Fundraising in 2026](#)  
*Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

## **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**

[Winter 2025/26 Exhibitions Reception](#)  
*Overture Galleries | Overture Center for the Arts*  
**January 9**

[Indiana Green Invitational Artist Panel, Curated by Artdose Magazine](#)  
*Overture Galleries | Overture Center for the Arts*  
**January 10**

[Captured in Cold, Honored in Warmth](#)  
*Woodson Wanderings | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*  
**January 10**

[Let's Get The P\(ART\)y Started](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Begins January 24**

[Lauren Harlowe reception](#)

*Isthmus*

**February 12 – April 12 | Exhibition**

**February 27 | Reception**

## **Community Arts**

[12 local opportunities for winter frolicking this weekend](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**This Weekend**

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: A square dancin', bird hikin', craft and farmers market kind of weekend](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

**This Weekend**

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Jan. 8-11](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**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**

[What to do in Madison this weekend: Freezing Man, Silvesterchlausen and more Isthmus](#)

Picks

*Isthmus*

**January 8 – 15**

[U.S., International snow sculpting competitions draw artists to Wisconsin](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

**January 28 – February 1**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[Milwaukee Ballet Presents Classical and Contemporary Works in Encore](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**January 30 - February 1; 5 – 8**

### **Music**

[Lakeshore Wind Ensemble & Big Band's Pops Across America is Jan. 18](#)

*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

**January 18**

### **Theater/Opera**

Young actor's path to the stage began with a chance homeroom placement  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**January 11 – February 1**

Two Crows is back with three plays at the Slowpoke Lounge  
*Isthmus*  
**January 22 – February 1**

## **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**

**NEW** Valley Arts Grants | Fueling Creativity. Building Community.  
*St. Croix Valley Foundation*  
**Deadline: January 23 | WI applicants must be in one of the following counties:**  
**Burnett, Polk, Pierce, St. Croix**

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**

**NEW Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round**

*Wisconsin Humanities*

**Deadline: March 16**

**NEW Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants**

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: April 30**

**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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