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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“You can’t decide how you’re going to die. Or when. What you can decide is how you’re going to live now.” – Joan Baez

“One’s life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion.” – Simone de Beauvoir

“Dreams come true. Without that possibility, nature would not incite us to have them.” – John Updike

“The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct acting from inner necessity. The creative mind plays with the objects it loves.” – Carl Jung

“The wit makes fun of other persons; the satirist makes fun of the world; the humorist makes fun of himself.” – James Thurber

“Adding sound to movies would be like putting lipstick on the Venus de Milo.” – Mary Pickford

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Exclusive: Get a look inside Milwaukee Public Museum's new building near Fiserv Forum](#)
WISN 12 News

[Wisconsin Public Radio, PBS Wisconsin to continue services despite closure of Corporation for Public Broadcasting](#)

WEAU

[Wisconsin bassist Mark Hembree reflects on career with bluegrass legend](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[Nathaniel Rateliff & Tedeschi Trucks Band Cover Joe Cocker "The Letter" | Rock Hall 2025 Induction](#)

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

[Coco Jones: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

NPR Music

[Riders on the Storm ft. The Doors | Song Around The World](#)

Playing For Change and The Doors

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 [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

Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)
Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | January 9, 2026](#)
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

Announcing 2026 Creative Capital Awards & State of the Art Prize Artists

Creative Capital

The Arts Board congratulates Wisconsin's State of the Art Prize Artist Dana McCormick, Literature, Milwaukee, WI.

Meet the 5 Winners of the 2026 Nohl Fellowships for Individual Artists

Milwaukee Magazine

Artists To Watch 2026

Fox Cities Magazine

Erin Quick-Laughlin

Artist Spotlight | Fox Cities Magazine

Bay View's No Instructions Gallery Announces Partnership with New Exhibition Space, Addendum

Urban Milwaukee

Beyond Tribute project preserves exhibit representing Wisconsin native tribes

WJFW

I dropped by 'What's Brewing Wisconsin' to talk about the final year of the Milwaukee Public Museum

Milwaukee Record

Could an exhibition like "Guiding Ethos" find a home in Madison?

Tone Madison

Amidst the Darkness of the Modern World, What Makes -- and Keeps -- Us Human?

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Also
[Longing and Belonging](#)
January response | The Art of Being Human

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Northwest Heritage Passage announces grant recipients](#)
Rice Lake Chronotype

[UW-River Falls announces Falcon Tuition Promise](#)
River Falls Journal

[Unwrapping chocolate: Students explore the complex, global history of chocolate from Mesoamerica to today](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

[Amid Widespread Humanities Cuts, Elite Universities Suspend or Reduce Art History Graduate Admissions](#)
ARTSnews

Arts and Healthcare

[Ok, What IS Connection?](#)
Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Community Arts

[Arts Vibrancy Index 2025: 10 Years of Data-Driven Analysis](#)
SMU DataArts

Wisconsin ranks 24th in the state ranking. Milwaukee-Waukesha ranks 51st and Madison 100th in the list of Top 100 communities.

Literary Arts/Libraries

[A Zine From The Heart Shares Localized Truths & Gives A Voice To Others](#)
Volume One Magazine

[To A Former Poet Who Lost Her Way](#)
L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

[Racine Public Library offers vital resources far beyond books to the community](#)
Racine County Eye

[Renee Nicole Good, murdered by ICE, was a prize-winning poet. Here's that poem.](#)
Literary Hub

[Adam Giannelli | Alliterative Autobiography \[Classroom\]](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Milwaukee Film rebrands with new logo, website redesign](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[‘Song Sung Blue.’ Claire Sardina Tells Us How ‘Lightning and Thunder’ Made It to the Big Screen](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Movie Theaters Go Public With New Effort to Stop Warner Bros. Sale](#)
The Hollywood Reporter

Performing Arts

Music

[Milwaukee Music Notes: Rap J & Friends Find Their Groove](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Presenting

[Béla Fleck on dropping his Kennedy Center shows: 'Not canceling is taking a side'](#)
MSN, The Washington Post

Other

[How an HR Approach Can Strengthen Nonprofit Board Governance](#)
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

[Anamarie Edwards’ “Homecoming” exhibit currently on display at the James Watrous Gallery](#)
Madison365
Through January 11

[‘Watercolor Wisconsin’ Is an Ode to Aqueous Art and Regional Creativity](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through April 18

Arts and Creativity in Education

Events

Peck School of the Arts | UWM

Various

Events Calendar | Arts

UW-Madison

Various

Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events

UW-Superior

Various

Community Arts

7 Things to Do in Milwaukee This January

Milwaukee Magazine

Various | January

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

Expo Season Has Begun

Urban Milwaukee

January 8 – 11

What to do in Madison this weekend: Freezing Man, Silvesterchlausen and more Isthmus Picks

Isthmus

January 8 – 15

[OnMilwaukee Weekend Preview: January 9-11, 2026](#)

OnMilwaukee

January 9 – 11

[From mushrooms to makeup, Twin Ports 'Nice Girls' marketplace builds women-run businesses](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

January 10

[Here's a look at Martin Luther King Jr. Day events in and around Milwaukee in 2026](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

January 19

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Milwaukee author's debut novel inspired by horror films, Wisconsin winters](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

February 5

Performing Arts

Dance

[Emerging Artist Showcase @7:30pm](#)

Wisconsin Dance Council

January 23

Presenting

[LIVE MUSIC – Johnsmith | Pump House Regional Arts Center](#)

La Crosse Local

January 9

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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