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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.” – Ida B. Wells

“Only through art can we emerge from ourselves and know what another person sees.” – Marcel Proust

“I know of nothing useful in life except what is beautiful or creates beauty.” – Henry Adams

“I guess my favorite thing in the world is when I look at a piece of art, or read a story, or watch a movie where I walk away feeling like “Oh my god — I have to do something, I have to make something or talk to someone — things are not the same anymore” — and so I try to make work where you come away with that feeling. It’s like, yeah, you’re thinking about what you just saw, but even more than that — you feel able, you feel like, kind of propelled.” – Miranda July

“I’d rather learn from one bird how to sing than teach ten thousand stars how not to dance.” – e. e. cummings

“A good film is when the price of the dinner, the theatre admission and the babysitter were worth it.” – Alfred Hitchcock

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Making of an Unconventional Quilt | The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Why this abstract dance performance only sells 8 tickets per show](#)

TMJ4 Milwaukee

February 20

Also

[Abstract and experimental dance performance in Milwaukee gives audiences a uniquely intimate experience](#)

TMJ4 Milwaukee

February 20

[Little Heart Warrior: A Precision Medicine Operetta](#)

Medical College of Wisconsin

[Jill Scott: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

NPR Music

[Noah Wyle Visits the LA Museum Founded by His Grandmother](#)

Architectural Digest

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 [Celebrating 50 Years of Black History Month in Wisconsin](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

NEW [Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)

UW-Madison

February 20 | Deadline: [2026 Writers' Room Workshop](#)

February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)

April 10 – 12 | Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium

Also

[WSOC 2026 Quarter Finalists](#)

Wisconsin Screenwriters Own Contest

NEW [The Art of Prescribing: Advancing Arts-Based Pathways to Health](#)

Social Prescribing USA

March 26 | Free Webinar

In recognition of Social Prescribing Day 2026, which is March 26, 2026.

NEW Spotighting Wisconsin - River Arts, Inc.
Wisconsin Arts Board

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 | February 13, 2026
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

IS Resources Support Tech-Senior (aka Grants and Information Specialist)
WiscJobs, Wisconsin Arts Board
Deadline: February 22

Production Positions Available
Peninsula Players
Deadline: Until Filled

Carpenter
Lighting & Sound Supervisor
Costume Shop Supervisor
Costume Technician
Scenic Charge Artist

Internship Opportunities
Peninsula Players

Applications are accepted on rolling basis now through February 23

Executive and Artistic Director
Green Lake Festival of Music
Deadline: Now until February 28

Director of Communications
Children's Theatre of Madison
Deadline: March 1

Executive Director (Exempt)
Washington State Arts Commission
Application Deadline: March 1

NEW Write On, Door County Searches for Next Executive Director
Spano | Pratt Executive Search
Deadline: Until Filled

Interior Architecture & Design Faculty (Full-Time)
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Deadline: Until Filled

Current Opportunities
First Stage
Deadline: Until Filled

Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Playmakers, Grades 1-2)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Speech, Grades 3-4)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Scene Study, Grades 3-4)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Design, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Acting Theory, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Musical Theater, Grades 5-12)
Summer Academy Lead Teaching Artist (Voice & Movement, Grades 5-12)

Fundraising Director
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin
Deadline: Until Filled

General Manager
Barrymore Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Development Coordinator
Opera for the Young
Deadline: Until Filled

Communications and Operations Manager
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project
Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

NEW 2026 Congressional Art Competition Deadlines

[Office of Congressman Bryan Steil](#)

1st Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 8

[Office of Congressman Mark Pocan](#)

2nd Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: TBD

[Office of Congressman Derrick Van Orden](#)

3rd Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: March 23 at 4:00 PM

[Office of Congressperson Gwen Moore](#)

4th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: March 27

[Office of Congressman Scott Fitzgerald](#)

5th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM

[Office of Congressman Glenn Grothman](#)

6th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: TBD

[Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany](#)

7th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM

[Office of Congressman Tony Wied](#)

8th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 7 at 5:00 PM

Deadlines | Resources | Events

[World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!](#)

World Premiere Wisconsin

Through December 31

[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

FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open
Wisconsin Arts Board
February 18 | Application Deadline

Webinar Series: Building Your Creative Career
Arts Midwest
February 18, 25

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

SXSW EDU 2026
SXSW EDU
March 9 - 12

Fearless Science Forum: The Art of Seeing More
Morgridge Institute for Research
March 10 | Virtual and In Person

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026
Travel Wisconsin
March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee

Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round
Wisconsin Humanities
Deadline: March 16

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

Shape the future. Organize for Impact
AFTACON 2026, Americans for the Arts
June 2 – 5 | Albuquerque, NM

2026 National PTA Convention
National PTA
June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

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

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadlines: July 9

Theatre Education Conference
Educational Theatre Association
July 22 – 24 | New York City, NY

2026 Biennial NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference
National Association for Music Education
September 30 – October 3 | Long Beach, CA

[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

[Lynden Announces Third Cohort of Ruth Arts Mary L. Nohl Alumni Awardees](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Antigo Visual Arts Winter Art Reception Celebrates Creativity and Community](#)

Antigo Visual Arts

[Mayor's Year of Housing: City of Milwaukee Launches Next Phase of Public Artist in Residence Program With Milwaukee Fire Department to Address Safe Housing](#)

Urban Milwaukee, City of Milwaukee

RFP and RFQ deadline: March 16

[New IMLS Guidelines Echo Trump's Vision for American Culture](#)

Artnet News

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wisconsin musicians celebrate Grammy win for chamber orchestra performance](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Dr. Erica Halverson: How the Arts Can Save Education](#)

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

[UWL is set to renovate Murphy Library](#)
WXOW

[Herb Kohl's foundation donates \\$30 million to renovate UW-Madison's Music Hall for La Follette School](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Also
[UW-Madison: Music Hall to be renamed Herb Kohl Hall, will serve as future home of La Follette School](#)
WisBusiness

[University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to merge cultural and resource centers](#)
WISN

Arts and Healthcare

[Youth Social Prescribing Symposium 2026 | Video](#)
The Social Biobehavioural Research Group

Also
[New resources launched: best practice for youth social prescribing | Blog](#)
The Social Biobehavioural Research Group

Community Arts

[Meet Our 2026 Unity Award Winners!](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Also
[Meet the 2026 Unity Awards Winners: Element Everest-Blanks](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Meet the 2026 Unity Awards Winners: Katie Cummings](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[PARTON ME! Local Author's Debut Book Picked For Dolly Parton's Literacy Program](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Rigoberto González | Lessons at the Legendary Institute for Yarn Spinning](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Marcus family celebrates 90 years of movies and memories in Wisconsin](#)
News8000

[Robert Duvall, Star of 'The Godfather' and 'The Great Santini,' Dies at 95](#)
Variety

Also

[Robert Duvall, a Chameleon of an Actor Onscreen and Onstage, Dies at 95](#)
The New York Times

[Robert Duvall Remembered by Adam Sandler, Viola Davis, Michael Keaton and More: 'He Was Greatness Personified as an Actor'](#)
Variety

[Robert Duvall: A Life in Pictures](#)
The New York Times

[Remembering Robert Duvall, Whose Acting Brilliance Colored in the Light and Dark Sides of Humanity](#)
Variety

[Al Pacino and Robert De Niro Remember 'The Godfather Part II' Co-Star Robert Duvall: 'I Will Miss Him'](#)
Variety

[Francis Ford Coppola Remembers Robert Duvall: 'Such a Great Actor and Such an Essential Part of American Zoetrope'](#)
Variety

[Actor Robert Duvall has died — he brought a compassionate center to edgy hard roles](#)
Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR

Performing Arts

Music

[Wisconsin musicians celebrate Grammy win for chamber orchestra performance](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Happy Chinese New Year! Today starts the Year of the Horse. Here is authentic music to help you celebrate](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear

Presenting

[Overture Center reaches \\$30 million fundraising goal](#)
NBC 15 | WMTV

[What new concert venue Landmark Credit Union Live means for Milwaukee](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Other

[Seven indicators of strategy - How to know if you're crafting strategy or just drafting plans](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Spring Break Drama Camp brings island adventure to kids March 23-26](#)
Sheboygan Press
March 23 – 26

Community Arts

[Look Ahead: Dungeons & Dragons, Casino Night & more this week in Lake Geneva](#)
Lake Geneva Regional News
This Week

[Anime Milwaukee 2026 Returns to Baird Center](#)
Urban Milwaukee
March 6 – 8

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Fond du Lac cultural festival brings taiko, Hmong and Ukrainian dance](#)
Fond du Lac Reporter
February 21

Literary Arts/Libraries

[February Meeting Notice](#)
Playwrights Ink
February 23

[Vaughn Public Library wrapping up renovations](#)
Fox 21 Local News
March 23

Performing Arts

Music

Soren Staff Pays Homage To Eau Claire's Open Mic Scene
Volume One Magazine
February 27, March 20

Explore space and music at UW-Stevens Point's March planetarium shows
WAOW
March 25 – 29

Presenting

2026 Riverfront Rendezvous music lineup announced
Stevens Point Journal
July 3 – 5

Theater/Opera

Lakeland Players to present "A Delightful Quarantine"
Lake Geneva Regional News
February 20 - March 1

After 25 years, heart of 'The Spitfire Grill' is still beating strong
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
February 27 – March 15

OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications
Volume One Magazine
Now Open

February 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadline: Various

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

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

[Applications Now Open for 2026 Nonprofit Grants](#)

Greenleaf Media

Deadline: February 17

NEW [Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)

UW-Madison

February 20 | Deadline: [2026 Writers' Room Workshop](#)

February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)

[USArtists International](#)

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

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

Deadline: February 28

Spector Family Foundation invites applications for Spector Craft Prize for Emerging Artists
Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: March 1

Application period opens for 2026 Arts Grants

Madison Arts Commission

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

Artists invited to apply for 2026 Midsummer Festival of the Arts

MSN, The Sheboygan Press

Registration Deadline: March 2

Call for Proposals

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

Wisconsin Historical Society accepting nominations for 2026 Board of Curators Awards

Tomahawk Leader

Deadline: March 10

NEW 2026 Spring Gallery Exhibition Call for Art

Impressions Fine Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 13

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

Wisconsin People & Ideas Fiction and Poetry Contests

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Deadline: March 15

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce Issues Call for Artists for Gateway Mural Project

Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

Deadline: March 15

[Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF](#)

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

[NEW Mayor's Year of Housing: City of Milwaukee Launches Next Phase of Public Artist in Residence Program With Milwaukee Fire Department to Address Safe Housing](#)

Urban Milwaukee, City of Milwaukee

RFP and RFQ deadline: March 16

[Grants Are Back! | Spring 2026 Grant Round](#)

Wisconsin Humanities

Deadline: March 16

[NEW DNR Accepting Entries For Great Waters Photo Contest & Writing Project](#)

Morning AgClips

Submission Deadline: April 1

[Register Now For The Bob-Ross Inspired 'Happy Little 5K' In Wisconsin](#)

B105 Country

Registration Deadline: April 1

[Green Lake Plein Air Festival](#)

Art MidWisconsin, Community Economic Development Associates, and Town Square Community Center

Registration Deadline: April 1

[Teens invited to enter Fond du Lac photo contest by April 10](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

Deadline: April 10

[Miller Art Opens Applications for its 2026 Residency Program, Celebrates Program's Continued Growth](#)

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: April 17

[NEW Kenosha Sculpture Walk Seeks Artists and Sponsors for 2026–2028 Exhibit](#)

The City of Kenosha

Deadline: April 30

Also

[NEW 2026-2028 Sculpture Walk – HarborPark](#)

Art Call

Deadline: April 30

[Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: April 30

Call For Artists In Sister Bay
Door County Pulse
Deadline: May 1

NEW Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Heyde Center for the Arts
Entry Deadline: May 31

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The Community Mosaic Project
The Hardy Gallery
Deadline: June 21

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadlines: July 9

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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