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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The ability of writers to imagine what is not the self, to familiarize the strange and mystify the familiar, is the test of their power.” – Toni Morrison

“External success has to do with people who may see me as a model, or an example, or a representative. As much as I may dislike or want to reject that responsibility, this is something that comes with public success. It’s important to give others a sense of hope that it is possible and you can come from really different places in the world and find your own place in the world that’s unique for yourself.” – Amy Tan

“Go into the arts. I’m not kidding. The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven’s sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something.” – Kurt Vonnegut

“Teachers are those who use themselves as bridges, over which they invite their students to cross; then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own.” – Nikos Kazantzakis

“A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.” – Yoko Ono

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Free staged reading of “Vel Phillips & Father Groppi: In the Deep Tracks” set for Marcus Center](#)

WISN

February 21

[Wausau Conservatory of Music combines music and storytime for children](#)

WSAW

[Wisconsin artist bringing new iron Hodag sculpture to Rhinelander this summer](#)

WJFW

[Wynton Marsalis shares why he's stepping down as director from Jazz at Lincoln Center](#)

CBS Mornings

[Ganavya: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

NPR Music and Ganavya Doraiswamy

[Choir! of 2500 sings Queen's 'We Will Rock You' in Montreal!](#)

Choir! Choir! Choir!

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 Gov. Evers Announces Launch of New State Film Office and Tax Credit Program](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Also

[NEW Film Wisconsin](#)

Travel Wisconsin

Learn more about Wisconsin's film incentives and resources and sign up for Film Wisconsin's newsletter.

[NEW Evers announces new state film office](#)

WisBusiness

[NEW Film Wisconsin now live; state offers \\$5M annual tax credits](#)

Fox6 News

[NEW Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Bookmark Design Challenge to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: March 31

NEW [Spotlighting Wisconsin - The Playhouse Theatre Group of Central Wisconsin](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

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

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.

[2026 Co-op](#)

Travel Wisconsin

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

Also

[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 | 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

[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

[Webinar Series: Building Your Creative Career](#)
Arts Midwest
February 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 AAEE 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

[She Slang Wood on a mission to empower, educate Milwaukee](#)
Wisconsin Life | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Sue Ellibee](#)
Plum Bottom Gallery

[Current Artists-In-Residence | Arts/Industry](#)
John Michael Kohler Arts Center

[MAC taking entries for Amateur Art Competition](#)
The Monroe Times
Deadline: February 20

[Apply to Compete | Art 64](#)
Discover Wauwatosa
Deadline: March 1

[La Crosse County hosting art competition to celebrate La Crosse turning 175](#)
WI Proud
Deadline: April 30

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Bookmark Design Challenge to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
Deadline: March 31

[UW-Madison Libraries cuts ties with donor group](#)
The Daily Cardinal

[UW-Stout: Announces Ramakrishnan as provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs](#)
WisPolitics

Arts and Healthcare

[Lifetime Arts Calls for Creative Aging in Healthy Aging Policy](#)
Lifetime Arts

Community Arts

[Years Out From The Pandemic, What's Next For Downtown Eau Claire?](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Budget cuts impact libraries across Wisconsin, including the Coulee Region](#)
WEAU

[Brandon Shimoda | Hinotama \["The ball of light rose piteously"\]](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Submit Your Film](#)
Northern Plains Indigenous Film Festival
Submission Deadline: March 1

Performing Arts

Music

[Enter to Compete in Get the Gig](#)
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
Deadline: March 27

Presenting

[\[PHOTOS\] 'STOMP' Tour Brought The Gift Of Rhythm To Pablo Center](#)
Volume One Magazine

[THE REAR END: Announcing Eaux Claires](#)
Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[Milwaukee Rep Directs Focus to New Plays and Wisconsin Stories](#)
Shepherd Express

Other

[Creating A Board That Works](#)
Blue Avocado

[3 Lessons to Launch a High-Performing Nonprofit SMS Program](#)
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

Wisconsin Artists Biennial 2026 coming to MOWA hosts 52 works by 50 artists
Washington County Insider
Through April 19

OS Projects gallery in Racine to debut Colin Matthes exhibit
Wisconsin State Journal
February 21 – April 11

'Art brings life into a space.' Whitewater painter settles into studio at Janesville's historic Alden House
Janesville Gazette
March 14

Art in Bloom returns to the Milwaukee Art Museum this spring
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
April 16 – 19

Old World Wisconsin announces opening date for new welcome center
OnMilwaukee
July 4

Arts and Creativity in Education

L.E.X. | Kids in the Rotunda
Overture Center for the Arts
February 21

UW-River Falls to host Irish Ceilí Dance Feb. 27
Pierce County Journal
February 27

Notes and Narratives
Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra
April 19

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: Feb. 19-22, 2026
Isthmus
February 19 – 22

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Feb. 19-22
Milwaukee Magazine
February 19 – 22

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Feb. 19-22 in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
February 19 – 22

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Feb. 19-22 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
February 19 – 22

[13 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

[Ike Wynter | CAMINO](#)
CreativeMornings | MKE
February 20

[Wausau Area Events](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Q&A: Mystery Author Tracy Clark Brings Detective Harriet Foster to Milwaukee](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
February 21

[Patricia McConnell's new book is a who-doggone-done-it](#)
Isthmus
February 24, March 5

Media Arts

[WPR's second annual Classical Music Day broadcast](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio
February 22

Performing Arts

Music

[Francesca DeGo Steps In for Johannes Moser for Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Performances Feb. 20–21](#)
Urban Milwaukee
February 20 – 21

[The 80-Member Master Singers Have Much to Sing](#)
Urban Milwaukee
February 22

[FebFest Ends with "Americana"](#)
Door County Pulse
February 22

Notes and Narratives

Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra

April 19

Presenting

Jazz-Focused Cafe Closing

Urban Milwaukee

February 20

3-time Grammy Award winner Dashon Burton performing at UW-La Crosse

Wisconsin State Journal

February 20

Pink Floyd tribute band to perform Saturday at at Viterbo

La Crosse Tribune

February 21

Musician Tinsley Ellis celebrates new release with free local performance

Wisconsin Rapids City Times

February 27

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Presents Women of Americana: A Celebration of American Music

Urban Milwaukee

March 27

Rufus Du Sol to play Milwaukee American Family Insurance Amphitheater

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

August 26

Theater/Opera

[PHOTOS] C.V. Theatre Guild Presents 'Twilight Bowl'

Volume One Magazine

Through February 22

Father-Daughter Duo Directs MTG's 'The Play That Goes Wrong'

Volume One Magazine

February 20 – March 1

Seeking Justice and Hearing Stories at Acacia

Urban Milwaukee

March 6 – 8, 12 – 15, 20 – 22

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

NEW MAC taking entries for Amateur Art Competition

The Monroe Times

Deadline: February 20

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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

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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

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John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: March 27

NEW Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Bookmark Design Challenge to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: March 31

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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