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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." – Frederick Douglass

"Careful the things you say, children will listen. Guide them along the way, children will see and learn. Children may not obey, but children will look to you for which way to turn; to learn what to be! Careful before you say "Listen to Me." Children will listen." – Into the Woods (Sondheim/Lapine)

"In wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration." – Ansel Adams

"We are, ourselves, creations. And we, in turn, are meant to continue creativity by being creative ourselves." – Julia Cameron

"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." – Theodore Roosevelt

"Learning is not compulsory...neither is survival." – W. Edwards Deming

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Rhineland — It's Legendary!](#)
Discover Wisconsin

[Hiking the Ice Age Trail: An Interview with Poet Katrina Serwe | Author Showcase](#)
Author Showcase of Oshkosh Wisconsin

[Monona Terrace Presents Wright Design Series: Innovations in K-12 Architecture Education](#)
Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

[Bassoonist Eleni Katz from New World Symphony | CHASING CRESCENDOS](#)
Great Performances | PBS and New World Symphony

[FLO: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and FLO

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 Wisconsin has new film office, with tax credits for movies, TV](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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

[NEW Spotighting 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 20, 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

NEW Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Marcus Performing Arts Center

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 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

[Kim Sajet Talks Art, Her Plans for the Milwaukee Art Museum and More](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Hardy Calls For Artists](#)
Door County Pulse
Submissions Open February 28 – April 12

[Driftless Area art festival announces call for artists for 2026 event](#)

Vernon Reporter

Submission Deadline: March 13

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Banting Elementary in Waukesha is 1 of 2 in Wisconsin to receive the 2025 National ESEA Distinguished School award](#)

CBS 58 | WDJT

[SUCCESS STORY: Growing Dance Educators Through Collaborative, Curated Professional Learning](#)

Arts Education Partnership

Arts and Healthcare

Community Arts

[Madison looking for feedback on proposed public art for State Street garage](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Response Deadline: March 9

[Photo Series: La Crosse Murals](#)

The Racquet Press | UW- La Crosse

[Get To Know Kevin Schwartz, The "Balloon Guy" Of The Chippewa Valley](#)

Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Ho-Chunk elder channels inner rock 'n' roll teenager in new memoir](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[Applications For 2027 Residencies Now Open](#)

Write On, Door County

Deadline: May 1

Information sessions will be held [March 25](#) and [April 4](#).

[Pierre Joris | A Poem in Luxembourgish on New York](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[Announcing the 2026 Cohort of Jazz Legacies Fellows](#)
Mellon Foundation

Presenting

[Internal memo details cosmetic changes and facility repairs to Kennedy Center](#)
Culture | NPR

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

[Culture & Agriculture exhibition returns to downtown Stevens Point](#)
Point / Plover Metro Wire
Opens March 7

Arts and Creativity in Education

[MOWA Wisconsin Artist Biennial features several UWM faculty, students and alumni](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UW-Milwaukee
Through April 19

[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

[What to do in Madison this weekend: Feb. 19-22, 2026](#)
Isthmus
Through February 22

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Feb. 19-22](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through February 22

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Feb. 19-22 in Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
Through February 22

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

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

[Full Weekend of Motorcycle Events](#)
Urban Milwaukee
This Weekend

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

[15 music and theater performances to see in Milwaukee in March](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | March

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

[Arts](#)
Madison Magazine
Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[C.V. Museum Welcomes New Collaborations To Returning Folk Arts Festival](#)
Volume One Magazine
February 28

Performing Arts

Dance

[Just Dance](#)
WBAY
February 21

Presenting

Second annual Fringe Festival expands access, variety
Wisconsin State Journal
February 28 – March 1

Whitney Cummings to perform at Pablo Center
WEAU
March 6

Milwaukee's Summerfest Reveals 2026 Lineup
Urban Milwaukee
June 18 – 20, 25 – 27, and July 2 – 4

Mumford & Sons announce Kohl Center concert
UW-Badgers
September 23

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

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

[Hardy Calls For Artists](#)

Door County Pulse

Submissions Open February 28 – April 12

[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

NEW [Apply to Compete | Art 64](#)

Discover Wauwatosa

Deadline: March 1

NEW [La Crosse County hosting art competition to celebrate La Crosse turning 175](#)

WI Proud

Deadline: April 30

[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

NEW [Madison looking for feedback on proposed public art for State Street garage](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Response 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

NEW [Driftless Area art festival announces call for artists for 2026 event](#)

Vernon Reporter

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 Enter to Compete in Get the Gig

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 Applications For 2027 Residencies Now Open

Write On, Door County

Deadline: May 1

Information sessions will be held March 25 and April 4.

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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