

WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS

Partnering with Artists and Organizations
for Our Wisconsin Communities



February 23, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Let no man pull you low enough to hate him.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

“There are three rules for writing the novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.” – W. Somerset Maugham

“I have no fear of making changes, destroying the image, etc., because the painting has a life of its own.” – Jackson Pollock

“People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing --- that's why we recommend it daily.” – Zig Ziglar

“Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them.” – P. J. O'Rourke

“Racism isn't born, folks, it's taught. I have a two-year-old son. You know what he hates? Naps! End of list.” – Dennis Leary

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[A new creative space for artists is opening up in Sheboygan](#)

TMJ4 News

Opens March 7

[Recognizing art from the youth](#)

The Royal Purple

"At The Table: People, Places, and Things"
Royal Purple News

Also
Connecting threads at the table
The Royal Purple | UW-Whitewater

Mark's Park EP17: An Evening with Clarence Bekker & Friends
Playing For Change

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

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

Spotlighting Wisconsin - The Playhouse Theatre Group of Central Wisconsin
Wisconsin Arts Board

Celebrating 50 Years of Black History Month in Wisconsin
Milwaukee Magazine

2026 Co-op
Travel Wisconsin
Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis

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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](#).

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

[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

[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

[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

[Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest](#)
UW-Madison
**February 27 | Deadline: [Wisconsin's Own Pitch Contest](#)
April 10 – 12 | Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium**

Also
[WSOC 2026 Quarter Finalists](#)
Wisconsin Screenwriters Own Contest

[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

[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.

[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

2026 WVCA Conference

Wisconsin Volunteers Coordinators Association

May 6 - 8

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

Art in Harmony: Application

Harmonic Harvest

Submission Deadline: March 5

In a State of IF | Open Call for Artists

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

Arts and Creativity in Education

Connecting threads at the table

The Royal Purple | UW-Whitewater

A Call for Submissions to the Madison Journal of Literary Criticism for the Spring 2026

Autonomy Edition

Madison Journal of Literary Criticism

March 8 | Written work submission deadline

March 15 | Artwork submission deadline

Who is Kangwook Lee? KRAFTON appoints Chief AI Officer to boost game innovation and

AI research

Mint

Community Arts

Ice sculptures on College Avenue showcase Wisconsin's specialties

WBAY

Also

[Ice sculpture created by Center for Suicide Awareness vandalized overnight](#)
WBAY

[Four Milwaukee Creatives Working Behind the Scenes in the Arts](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Volunteer at Artspire 2026](#)
Pump House Regional Arts Center

Folk Arts/Folklife

Wisconsin Ukrainians host benefit concert for Ukraine as war with Russia nears four years
TMJ4 Milwaukee

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Learn how this neighborhood newspaper helped combat student illiteracy in the 1970s](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Judith Ortiz Cofer | El Olvido](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[Bon Iver launching archival 'Volumes' series with first live album](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

[Here's Who We're Excited to See at Summerfest](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Kennedy Center Performance Canceled After Substance Poured on Ice Rink](#)
The New York Times

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

[50 years of Wisconsin hip-hop](#)
Isthmus

Through February 28 | Exhibition
February 28 | Panel – The Future of Madison Urban Music

Also

[Hip-hop history on display at Wisconsin Historical Society for Black History Month](#)
Madison365

Through February 28 | Exhibition
February 28 | Panel – The Future of Madison Urban Music

[Melanie Walby Returns To The Valley With One-Day Print Installation](#)
Volume One Magazine
February 28

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Viterbo to perform one-act opera 'Strawberry Fields'](#)
Viterbo University
February 27 - 28

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Feb. 23-26, 2026](#)
Isthmus
February 23 – 26

[Racine Arts Council Presents “Artseed Showcase: Creativity In Bloom”](#)
Racine Arts Council
March 21

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Free International Festival Showcases Global Arts and Culture](#)
BroadwayWorld.com
March 7

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Marathon County Public Library book clubs: March](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various | March

Performing Arts

Theater/Opera

[How First Stage’s “Peter Pan & Wendy” Takes Flight Without Any Rigs](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through March 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

[USArtists International](#)

Mid Atlantic Arts

Deadline: February 25

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

UW-Madison

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

[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

[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

[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

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Madison Journal of Literary Criticism

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[Call for Proposals](#)

2026 Play Make Learn Conference

Deadline: March 9

[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

[2026 Spring Gallery Exhibition Call for Art](#)

Impressions Fine Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 13

[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

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

The Art of Infertility

Submission Deadline: March 15

[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

[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

[Enter to Compete in Get the Gig](#)

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: March 27

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

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: March 31

[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

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

The City of Kenosha

Deadline: April 30

Also
[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

[Applications For 2027 Residencies Now Open](#)
Write On, Door County
Deadline: May 1

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

[Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS](#)
Heyde Center for the Arts
Entry Deadline: May 31

NEW [Volunteer at Artspire 2026](#)
Pump House Regional Arts Center
June 12, 13

[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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