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## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." – Twyla Tharp

"The meaning I picked, the one that changed my life: Overcome fear, behold wonder." – Æschylus

"Life can't ever really defeat a writer who is in love with writing, for life itself is a writer's lover until death --- fascinating, cruel, lavish, warm, cold, treacherous constant." – Edna Ferber

"I write plays because writing dialogue is the only respectable way of contradicting yourself. I'm the kind of person who embarks on an endless leapfrog down the great moral issues. I put a position, rebut it, refute the rebuttal, and rebut the refutation." – Tom Stoppard

"Great art picks up where nature ends." – Marc Chagall

"It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously." – Peter Ustinov

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." – René Descartes

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" – Steven Wright

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Latino Arts, celebrating their 40th anniversary, showcases the work of printmaker Christie Tirado.](#)

*The Arts Page | Milwaukee PBS*

[Packers, pianos, running and singing to keep the Janesville area entertained](#)

*NBC 15 | WMTV*

**Various**

[Meet the masked artist who conjured a concrete jungle of 20,000 orchids](#)

*CBS Sunday Morning*

[Listen to the Music feat. Tom Johnston \(The Doobie Brothers\) | Playing For Change](#)

*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](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [The Wisconsin Arts Board Congratulates Its America250 Grantees](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** [The Wisconsin Arts Board Congratulates FY26 Woodland Indian Arts Program Grant Recipients](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** [Winter Work, Spring Fruit](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** [Discover the state's arts scene with this Wisconsin Art Guide](#)

*Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Discover Wisconsin*

**NEW** [Looking, After the Fires: Art, Resilience, and U.S.–Japan Creative Exchange](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

[2026 Governor's Tourism Awards Honor Seven Outstanding Individuals, Organizations](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

[Inside a \\$1.75B creative economy—and why it matters now](#)

*March 2026 Newsletter | Americans for the Arts*

[Help WisconsinEye Raise Operations Funds](#)  
*GoFundMe*

[Spotlighting Wisconsin | Prairie Music & Arts, Inc](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 7 | March 2026](#)  
*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

[Public Funding for the Arts in the Midwest: 2026 by the Numbers](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

[Free resources available to Wisconsin residents to host America@250 Community Conversations](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[Museum Registration for 2026 Blue Star Museums Program](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

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

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

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

<a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>
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[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)  
*Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC*

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

**NEW** [NCN Articles of Interest | March 27, 2026](#)  
*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

[Patron Services & Ticket Coordinator](#)  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: March 31**

Executive Assistant  
*Arts Midwest*  
**Deadline: May 31**

Part-Time Faculty  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: May 31**

Director of Institutional Advancement  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**Deadline: Until Filled**

Patron Services Manager  
*Next Act Theatre*  
**Deadline: Until Filled**

Production Positions Available  
*Peninsula Players*  
**Deadline: Until Filled**

Scenic Charge Artist

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

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  
*1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: April 8**

Office of Congressman Scott Fitzgerald  
*5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM**

Office of Congressman Glenn Grothman  
*6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: April 14**

Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany  
*7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: April 10 at 5:00 PM**

Office of Congressman Tony Wied  
*8<sup>th</sup> 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**

Healing & Internal Resourcing in Times of Unrest

*Arts Midwest*

**March 31 | Webinar**

Strategic Partnerships and Mergers

*Arts Midwest*

**April 8 | 3:00 p.m. Central Time**

2026 ABLE Assembly

*Berklee Institute for Accessible Arts Education*

**April 10 – 12 | Boston, MA**

Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium and Screenplay Contest

*UW-Madison*

**April 10 – 12 | Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium**

Also

WSOC 2026 Quarter Finalists

*Wisconsin Screenwriters Own Contest*

Social Media Video Tactics for Arts Organizations

*Arts Midwest*

**April 15 | 3:00 p.m. Central Time**

Amplify & Ignite: A Symposium on Theatre For Social and Civic Engagement

*American Alliance for Theatre & Education*

**April 16 – 19 | New York City, NY**

Succession Planning for Sustainability

*Arts Midwest*

**April 22 | 3:00 p.m. Central Time**

Business of Art Conference V

*Dane Arts*

**April 23 – 24 | Madison**

Midwest Museums Leadership Intensive

*Association of Midwest Museums*

**April 28 – 30**

**NEW 2026 Annual Rural Summit**  
*Wisconsin Rural Partners*  
**April 29 – 30 | Prairie du Chien**

**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 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**

**AATE 2026 National Conference**  
*American Alliance for Theatre & Education*  
**July 29 – August 1 | Greenville, SC**

**2026 LEAD Conference**  
*Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability*  
**August 11 – 14 | Philadelphia, PA**

**2026 Annual Conference**  
*Chamber Music America*  
**August 20 – 23**

**NEW** [Midwest Arts Expo](#)  
*Heartland Performing Arts*  
**September 22 – 25**

[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**

[This kid loves the Milwaukee Public Museum--and donated his allowance](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Artists invited to submit work for PEEPS Art Show in Stevens Point](#)  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**Submission Dates: April 2 – 4**

[Yoop and Behold: The Creative Energy and Endeavors of Buggy Sailor](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

[April 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)  
*Colossal*  
**Various**

[Thieves steal paintings by Renoir, Cézanne and Matisse from a private museum in Italy](#)  
*NPR, AP*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Plymouth High Art Teacher Named Kohl Teacher Fellow](#)  
*WHBL*

[2026 Young Artists and Authors Showcase](#)  
*Sister Cities International*  
**Deadline Extended: April 15**

[Shaping young voices: UW-Oshkosh alumnus Ryan Lindley earns top state honor](#)  
*UW Oshkosh Today*

[How Innovation Takes Shape on Campus](#)  
*UW-Whitewater College of Business and Economics*

[14 celebrities who went to college in Wisconsin](#)  
*Up North News*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[Art Is Becoming a Medical Treatment](#)  
*Reasons to be Cheerful*

## **Community Arts**

[Wisconsin community unites to build inclusive park for all children](#)  
*News8000*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Donation Drive For Book Bins In Laundromats Kicks Off In Dunn County](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Ep. 26. Sasha Debevec-McKenney, 'WHAT AM I AFRAID OF?'](#)  
*Books Up Close*

[Madison Public Library's LINKCat update: what you need to know](#)  
*The Capital Times*

[State parks passes available to borrow from more than 150 libraries](#)  
*WXOW*

[Top donor for the new North Shore Library building buys former library](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Sandra Maria Esteves | Sistas](#)  
*Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation*

## Media Arts

[The Colossal, All-Conquering Rise of Milwaukee's Movie Palaces](#)  
*Milwaukee Magazine*

[Genevieve Heyward's 2-month journey on 'American Idol' comes to an end](#)  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Wisconsin Artists & Fresh Releases](#)  
*Simply Folk with Sile Shigley | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow with Nilexnile](#)  
*Hyfin*

### Theater/Opera

[Bowls & Books fundraises for the Rhode Center for the Arts in Kenosha](#)  
*Kenosha News*

## Other

[Fundraising Is Not Failing, Expectations Are: Misconceptions About Revenue Growth](#)  
*NonProfit Pro*

[Two measures of performance - It all comes down to how hard you tried and what difference you made](#)  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes*

## 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

[Milwaukee Public Museum diorama-RAMA; celebration through April 17](#)  
*Fox 6 Now*  
**Through April 17**

From Tulips to Bumblebees, the New Show Dome Exhibit Celebrates Wisconsin Pollinators  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**April 4 – May 25**

### **Arts and Creativity in Education**

So Many Legs to Stand On | UWSP Art Students' League Showcase Exhibit  
*UW-Stevens Point*  
**Through April 3 | Exhibition**  
**April 2 | Reception**

New film about the bay of Green Bay to premiere locally on Earth Day  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*  
**April 22**

### **Folk Arts/Folklife**

Belgian Heritage Center to Host Booyah & Bread Lunch & Cooyah Tournament  
*WBAY*  
**April 26**

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

Flow State Literary Series | Pump House Regional Arts Center  
*La Crosse Local*  
**March 31**

Producer of “No Packers, No Life” to Appear at Manitowoc Public Library Special Screening  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**April 11**

### **Media Arts**

Films for April/May at the UWM Union Cinema Released  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**Various April & May**

‘From Rails to Trails’ Screening in De Pere  
*PBS Wisconsin*  
**April 9**

Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast International Film Festival’s Second Annual Event to be Hosted by Manitowoc  
*WHBL*  
**April 10**

Wisconsin creator of ‘John Wick’ brings international crime to small-town Midwest in ‘Normal’

Wisconsin Public Radio

**April 11**

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*Seehafernews.com*

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*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

**April 22**

## Performing Arts

### Theater/Opera

A Murder Is Announced

*Stevens Point Journal*

**May 7 – 10**

## OPPORTUNITIES

CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications

*Volume One Magazine*

**Now Open**

March 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

*Colossal*

**Deadlines: 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**

[Hardy Calls For Artists](#)

*Door County Pulse*

**Submissions Open Through April 12**

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

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Deadline: March 31**

[Moon Tunes returns for 15th year with summer lineup, design contest](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**Submission Deadline: March 31**

[Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport: Announces 3rd annual art exhibition celebrating America's 250th birthday](#)

*WisPolitics*

**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**

2026 Milwaukee Arts Board Awards Nomination Form

*Milwaukee Arts Board*

**Deadline: April 1**

2027 Open Call

*Creative Capital for Artists*

**Deadline: April 2**

NEW Artists invited to submit work for PEEPS Art Show in Stevens Point

*Stevens Point Journal*

**Submission Dates: April 2 – 4**

Red Letter Grant Goes Bigger, Now Accepting Applications

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: April 6**

Players Scholarship Applications Open

*Door County Pulse*

**Deadline: April 6**

Teens invited to enter Fond du Lac photo contest by April 10

*Fond du Lac Reporter*

**Deadline: April 10**

Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival

*Seehafernews.com*

**April 10 | Early Bird Submission Deadline**

**June 12 | Regular Deadline**

**July 17 | Late Deadline**

The Chippewa Valley Blues Society Announces Local Musicians Compete for Chance to Represent Chippewa Valley in Memphis

*Blues Festival Guide 2026*

**April 12**

**NEW** [2026 Young Artists and Authors Showcase](#)  
*Sister Cities International*  
**Deadline Extended: April 15**

[Miller Art Opens Applications for its 2026 Residency Program, Celebrates Program's Continued Growth](#)  
*Miller Art Museum*  
**Deadline: April 17**

[2026 WDC Scholarship Student Application](#)  
*Wisconsin Dance Council*  
**Deadline: April 17**

**NEW** [2026 Instrument Drive](#)  
*Wisconsin Conservatory of Music*  
**April 18**

[2026 Cycle of The Open Fund Artist Project Grant](#)  
*The Open Fund*  
**Deadline: April 30**

[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**

[IT'S TIME TO ROCK: Applications For Annual 'Rockonsin' Are Now Open!](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: April 30**

[Nominate a Colleague | AMM Awards](#)  
*Association of Midwest Museums*  
**Deadline: April 30**

[La Crosse County hosting art competition to celebrate La Crosse turning 175](#)  
*WI Proud*  
**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 April 4.

Racine Arts Council Announces 2026 ArtSeed Grants Available

*Racine Arts Council*

**Deadline: May 1**

Green Lake Plein Air Festival

*Town Square Community Center*

**May 14**

Arrivals and Departures - CALL FOR ARTISTS

*Heyde Center for the Arts*

**Entry Deadline: May 31**

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**

DNR Now Accepting Artwork For The 2027 Turkey, Pheasant And Waterfowl Stamp Contests

*Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

**Deadline: August 1**

Also

DNR accepting artwork for 2027 turkey, pheasant, waterfowl stamp contests

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Submission Deadline: August 1**

Nordic Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest

*American-Scandinavian Foundation*

**Deadline: September 15**

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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