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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain - and most fools do.” – Dale Carnegie

“The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.” – Bertrand Russell

“People do not wish to appear foolish; to avoid the appearance of foolishness, they are willing to remain actually fools.” – Alice Walker

“But there comes a moment in everybody's life when he must decide whether he'll live among the human beings or not - a fool among fools or a fool alone.” – Thornton Wilder

“A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.” – Douglas Adams

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Fool on the Hill / Chick Corea & Hiromi Uehara](#)
Living In Take O

[The Perfect Stop for All Your Crafting Needs | Wisconsin Museum of Quilting & Fiber Arts](#)
What’s Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee

Also

[Shop Our Stash Fiber Resale Shop Opening at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts &](#)

[Fiber Arts](#)

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts

[Latest artistic light in Stevens Point honors dancer killed by drunk driver](#)
WSAW

[Frank Sinatra & Antônio Carlos Jobim Medley | Live from A Man and His Music \(1967\)](#)
[\[Remastered HD\]](#)
Frank Sinatra

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 [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 [Spotlighting Wisconsin - ConneXion Performing Arts](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Winter Work, Spring Fruit](#)
Creative Copy | 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

NEW [NALAC Unveils 'A Mirror and a Map' Research Report and Website to Support the Latinx/é Arts and Culture Field](#)
National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

NEW [How Sustainable Heritage Tourism and Remote Village Initiatives are Transforming Global Travel](#)
Travel and Tour World

[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

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

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

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

[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

[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
1st Congressional District of Wisconsin
Deadline: April 8

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: April 14

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

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 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

NEW [Don't Miss the Pre-Conference at Play Make Learn 2026!](#)
Professional Learning and Community Education | School of Education | UW-Madison
July 8

NEW [2026 Play Make Learn Conference](#)
Professional Learning and Community Education | School of Education | UW-Madison
July 9-10

[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

[Above & Beyond Children’s Museum: Two new directors inducted to Above and Beyond Children’s Museum board – Tim Riffel of Children’s Wisconsin and Bob Walmsley of Sargento Foods](#)
WisBusiness

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Cereal Box Domino Challenge: Milton students win state prize for food pantry collection](#)
Milton Courier

[The Storm is Here: Seven Threats Every Music \(and Arts\) Educator Must Understand Right Now](#)
Bob Morrison

[UWEC hosts 'Noh in Dialogue: Music and Tradition in Japanese Performing Arts'](#)
The Spectator | *UW-Eau Claire*

[UWO alumnus, country artist visits campus](#)
The Advance-Titan | *UW Oshkosh*

Arts and Technology

[Artists Will Lead the Future of Tech](#)
Doris Duke Foundation

[Artists Make Technology](#)
Doris Duke Foundation

[New Survey Finds Performing Artists See Promise in Tech — But Lack Access and Safeguards](#)
Doris Duke Foundation

[Doris Duke Foundation | Technology in the Performing Arts: Opportunities & Risks | Report of Survey Findings](#)
Meridian Research & Insights

[What is Creative Purpose in the Age of AI?](#)
Mozilla Foundation

Community Arts

[Influential women in La Crosse history highlighted during Women's History Month](#)
WXOW

[Why Travelers Are Falling for This Small Historic Town in Wisconsin](#)
Only In Wisconsin

Folk Arts/Folklife

[How did April Fools' Day begin? Here's the history behind its mysterious origins](#)
History & Culture | *National Geographic*

Literary Arts/Libraries

['Barstow & Grand' Welcomes Submissions For Issue 10](#)
Volume One Magazine
Deadline: April 30

[The Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant—Application Open](#)
Creative Capital for Artists
Deadline: May 6

[6 books named finalists for the 2026 International Booker Prize](#)
Books | NPR

[Danusha Laméris | Peonies](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

[William Carlos Williams | The Fool's Song](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Judge Rules Trump's Order to End Funding for PBS, NPR Was an Illegal First Amendment Violation](#)
Variety

Also
[Trump's Executive Order on NPR and PBS Is Unconstitutional, Judge Rules](#)
The New York Times

Performing Arts

Music

[15 best new Milwaukee music releases to check out for April 2026](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Other

[We Were Sold the Creative Class. We Built a Creator Economy. | Kevin Crowder](#)
Street Economics Daily | LinkedIn

[Can't Afford an Executive? Hire One Part Time.](#)
Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[EAA Museum Showcases NASA Moon Mission Artifacts Before Artemis II Launch](#)
Science | Oshkosh Today
On Exhibit

[The Intelligentsia is at the Gates | Colin Matthes](#)
OS Projects

Through April 11 | Exhibit
April 11 | Artist Talk

Oshkosh Public Museum celebrates Quinceañeras in new exhibit
WeAreGreenBay.com
Through August 8

Join MOWA for Spring Break Week April 1-3, 2026
Washington County Insider
April 1 – 3

RAM PEEPS® Brand Art Exhibition 2026
Racine Art Museum
April 1 – 18

Sculpture Milwaukee Presents Sculptor Joel Otterson and Music Director Ken-David Masur in Conversation With Artist and Curator Michelle Grabner
Urban Milwaukee
April 16

The Shortlist: Must-see Milwaukee exhibits opening or closing in April
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | April

New Location and May Dates for 2026 Morning Glory Art Fair
Urban Milwaukee
May 30 – 31

Wisconsin Historical Society, Circus World: Step right up! Circus World reopens for a spectacular 2026 season
WisBusiness
Season

Arts and Creativity in Education

Trinity Irish Dance Academy | Kids in the Rotunda
Overture Center for the Arts
April 4

Reception: Larz Luecht — Senior Capstone Exhibit
UW-Stevens Point
April 7 - 17 | Exhibition
April 9 | Reception

UW-River Falls to present “The Drowsy Chaperone” April 9-12
Baldwin Bulletin
April 9 – 12

[Don't Miss the Pre-Conference at Play Make Learn 2026!](#)

Professional Learning and Community Education | School of Education | UW-Madison

July 8

Community Arts

[Oregon Community Calendar: April 2-12](#)

The Oregon Observer

April 2 – 12

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss April 3-5 in Stevens Point](#)

Stevens Point Journal

April 3 – 5

[Manitowoc weekend picks include Easter Eggstravaganza, Titanic event](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

This Weekend

[What you need to know about the WI Prairie Chicken Festival April 6-12](#)

Stevens Point Journal

April 6 – 12

[Boogie & The YO-YO'Z: Summer Jam 2026](#)

Barron News-Shield

June 20

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Oshkosh Public Museum celebrates Quinceañeras in new exhibit](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

Through August 8

[Kristian Bugge & WB Reid](#)

Isthmus

May 31

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Why We Are Called the Badger State: Pendarvis Historical Site, presented by Susan Caya-Slussar](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

April 21

Media Arts

[Old Hollywood hits Oshkosh April 4 with local noir film premiere](#)

Oshkosh Northwestern

April 4

Performing Arts

Music

[La Crosse Symphony brings 'heroic' performance to WPR Music](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

April 8, 12

[Just Bach Concerts](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

April 18

[Chant Claire: The Peaceable Kingdom](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

May 16

Presenting

['American Idol' alum Adin Boyer set to perform free April 13 concert](#)

Wausau Daily Herald

April 13

[Alive Again: A Tribute to Chicago comes to Wausau April 25, 2026.](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

April 25

[Del Amitri Head to the World Cup this Summer!](#)

Urban Milwaukee

June 13

Theater/Opera

[Laid off and ticked off, pink slipped and well-equipped](#)

TNW Ensemble Theater

April 17 – 19, 24 – 26

[Discover a new favorite this April](#)

World Premiere Wisconsin

Various | April

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

[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

[NEW 'Barstow & Grand' Welcomes Submissions For Issue 10](#)

Volume One Magazine

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

[NEW The Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant—Application Open](#)

Creative Capital for Artists

Deadline: May 6

[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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