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[Jazz Appreciation Month](#) | Smithsonian Museum of American History

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery.” – Francis Bacon

“To be an artist is a blessing and a privilege. Artists must never betray their true hearts. Artists must look beneath the surface and show that there is more to this world than what meets the eye.” – Marvin Gaye

“No theater could sanely flourish until there was an umbilical connection between what was happening on the stage and what was happening in the world.” – Kenneth Tynan

“Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music.” – Sergei Rachmaninov

“Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm, as you get older, remember you have another hand: The first is to help yourself, the second is to help others.” – Audrey Hepburn

“If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.” – Katharine Hepburn

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[Wausau to celebrate 50 years of Hmong community contributions](#)  
WSAW  
April 4

[PS22 Chorus "Light Of A Clear Blue Morning" by Dolly Parton](#)  
PS22 Chorus

[Alison Brown & Steve Martin - New Cluck Old Hen \(feat. Della Mae\)](#)  
Alison Brown and Della Mae

[New medical school blends art and science to train new doctors](#)  
Canvas | PBS NewsHour

*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** [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](#).

[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 | 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  
*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**

[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**

Request for Proposals | Community Art Wall  
*Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: May 1**

Woodson Wanderings | The Classified Ad  
*Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

**NEW** Studio Protector  
*CERF+*

CERF+ has put together a preparedness guide tailored to the needs of creative professionals. Being proactive may help you mitigate potential damages and safeguard your artistic work. This self-paced guide is designed to equip you with the necessary tools and resources to formulate a plan to protect your practice.

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[Advancing a Creative Future: George Tzougros on Continuing Ken Robinson's Vision](#)  
*1515 Gallery | Susan McCalmont*

[Award-winning Palestinian children's book author Maysa Odeh visits Lake View Elementary School](#)  
*Madison365*

[Attempts to regulate social media for minors in Wisconsin on hold](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Lawrence mourns the death of Art History Professor Danielle Joyner](#)  
*Lawrence University*

## Community Arts

[First Cohort for Statewide Artist Grant Announced](#)  
*Create Wisconsin*

[Downtown Green Bay: We the People: A Community Quilt for 250 Years](#)  
*WisBusiness*

**Drop-Off Due Date: May 15**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[LOCALWATCH: Author Pao Lor discusses new book "Bamboo Son"](#)  
*WIZM*

[Ashland's Vaughn Library reopens after \\$8 million makeover](#)  
*Ashland Daily Press*

[2026 Travel Grant Application](#)  
*The Rabkin Foundation*  
**Deadline: April 16**

[J. Scott Brownlee | These Hills](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## Performing Arts

### Theater/Opera

The Bridge: Building Toward re(New)ed Theatre Audiences  
*Off Script | American Theatre*

**Other**

“How Nonprofits Can Prepare for Donor Pullback During Economic Uncertainty”  
*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**

Spring Break Fun! Youth Zine Fest  
*Milwaukee Magazine*  
**April 2 – 4**

Arts/Industry Artist Talks  
*John Michael Kohler Arts Center*  
**April 12**

April Events at the Lynden Sculpture Garden  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**Various | April**

Slow Art: Making Responsive Artist Books  
*Overture Center for the Arts*  
**May 9**

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

UW-River Falls to present “The Drowsy Chaperone” April 9-12  
*Pierce County Journal*  
**April 9 – 12**

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music hosting used instrument drive  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**April 18**

**Community Arts**

Moon Tune’s 15th Anniversary Look Back | Rivoli Theatre & Pizzeria  
*La Crosse Local*  
**April 2**

[13 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: April 2-5](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**April 2 – 5**

[What to do in Madison this weekend: April 2-5, 2026](#)

*Isthmus*

**April 2 – 5**

[15 events in and around Madison this Easter weekend](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**This Weekend**

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: See what's happening](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

**This Weekend**

[La Crosse Guide to April Events](#)

*La Crosse Local*

**Various | April**

[Wausau Area Events](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Various**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Library Learners Storytime | Campbell Library](#)

*La Crosse Local*

**April 2**

[Finding Home With Joy Harjo in Madison & Milwaukee!](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**May 20 - Milwaukee | May 21 - Madison**

## **Media Arts**

[Waushara County to be featured on Discover Wisconsin April 11](#)

*Waushara Argus*

**April 11**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Presenting**

[Djangophonique](#)

*Isthmus*

**May 10**

## Theater/Opera

[Aqua Tofana](#)

*Isthmus*

**June 27**

## OPPORTUNITIES

[CALLING ALL CREATIVES: Artist Market Of E.C. Opens 2026 Applications](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Now Open**

[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**

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

*Colossal*

**Various**

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**

**NEW** 2026 Travel Grant Application

*The Rabkin Foundation*

**Deadline: April 16**

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**

**NEW** [Request for Proposals | Community Art Wall](#)  
*Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: May 1**

[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**

**NEW** [Downtown Green Bay: We the People: A Community Quilt for 250 Years](#)  
*WisBusiness*  
**Drop-Off Due Date: May 15**

[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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