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April 3, 2026

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[National Poetry Month 30th Anniversary](#) | Academy of American Poets

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A poet's work is to name the unnameable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it going to sleep.” – Salman Rushdie

“To read a poem is to hear it with our eyes; to hear it is to see it with our ears.” – Octavio Paz

“To grasp the full significance of life is the actor's duty, to interpret it is his problem, and to express it his dedication.” – Marlon Brando

“Art that means anything in the life of a community must bear some relation to current interpretations of the mystery of the universe. Our rigid separation of the humanities and the sciences has temporarily left our art stranded or stammering and incoherent. Both art and science ought to be blended in our early education of our children's emotions and powers of observation, and that harmony carried forward in later education.” – Dora Russell

“Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps, for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they might have been.” – William Hazlitt

“It is often said that before you die your life passes before your eyes. It is in fact true. It's called living.” – Terry Pratchett

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Manito Art League helps Northwoods artists further their education](#)

WJFW

Deadline: May 1

[Slices of Life from the Obit Beat | University Place](#)

PBS Wisconsin

[Healing & Internal Resourcing in Times of Unrest](#)

Arts Midwest

[Reclaiming the Banjo's Hidden Black History | In the Making](#)

PBS and American Masters PBS

[Daryl Hall & Booker T. Jones - Green Onions](#)

Daryl Hall

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 [Riley Saenim is Wisconsin's 2026 Poetry Out Loud Champion](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

Also

NEW [High School Students from Across Nation to Compete in Poetry Out Loud National Finals](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

April 28 – 29

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 <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 | April 3, 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

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

Artist Spotlight | Samantha Ducas

Fox Cities Magazine

The Colorful Legacy of Christy Ann Skuban & The 'Art-A-Round'

Volume One Magazine

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Branching out: Farmers and scientists team up to see how trees can reshape the future](#)
Education | PBS Wisconsin

[Dance builds the skills young people need. I credit dance with my pursuit of medicine.](#)
From the Field | Youth Today

[Lawrence University professor Danielle Joyner dies while leading spring break trip](#)
Appleton Post-Crescent

[Two artists with ties to PSOA named 2026 Fellows by the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UWM

[UW system President Jay Rothman was told to quit or be fired, refuses to leave](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Also

[UW system president is told to resign or be fired](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Arts and Healthcare

[Why Doctors Are Prescribing Art](#)
See All This Art Magazine

Community Arts

[Governor Evers Signs Sen. Keyeski's "Tom Diehl Memorial Highway" Bill Into Law](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[A creative detour to Mineral Point](#)
The Gazette - Cedar Rapids, IA

Folk Arts/Folklife

[These women maintain Easter traditions passed down for generations](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wausau-native movie director reconnects with his Wisconsin roots in new memoir](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[How American independent bookstores made a massive comeback](#)
Tech | Fast Company

[Maya Angelou | Caged Bird](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Raven Software co-founder Brian Raffel retires after 36 years](#)
Shack News

Performing Arts

Music

[Is Historical Performance Still Controversial?](#)
Early Music America

Presenting

[Overture Center fills remaining 2 roles for co-CEO's](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Theater/Opera

[Three Fault Lines in Post-Pandemic Theater](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

Other

[5 Branding Mistakes Nonprofits Should Avoid in 2026](#)
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

[Local Artist John Suess Brings Wisconsin Landscapes to West Bend Community Memorial Library](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Through April

[First Fridays at the RAD | Rivoli Arts District](#)
La Crosse Local
April 3

Arts and Creativity in Education

[UWM's Latin American Film Series Showcases Cinema from the Region](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through April 4

[Textile art exhibit runs through April 17 at UW-Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
Through April 17

[Area schools taking part in Concert Music Festival at Chequamegon](#)
Price County Review
April 9 (choir), April 16 (band)

[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

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

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

Late actor Chris Farley's brother to speak on mental health, addiction
Stevens Point Journal
May 5

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

Local Artist John Suess Brings Wisconsin Landscapes to West Bend Community Memorial Library
Urban Milwaukee
Through April

Media Arts

Chippewa Valley Nordic Presents BANFF Film Festival
Barron News-Shield
April 12

SS Badger season kick-off includes film premiere in Manitowoc May 17
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
May 17

Performing Arts

Dance

Milwaukee Ballet goes down the rabbit hole with 'Alice'
GMToday
May 1 – 10

Music

Raising Our Songs - Lifting Our Voices
Milwaukee Choristers
April 10, 12

Festival City Symphony Highlights Music and Mental Health Through Work by Composer Autumn Maria Reed
Urban Milwaukee
April 18

[“Satin Jazz”: A Live Music Event at the Milwaukee County Historical Society](#)
Urban Milwaukee
April 29

[Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra announces 2026-27 season lineup](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
Season

Presenting

[The BoDeans set to perform in La Crosse for 40th year anniversary tour](#)
WI Proud
April 3

[Eric Jacobson: The Music of Clifford Brown “Joy Spring”](#)
Jean’s Jazz Series | Racine Theatre Guild
April 25

[Royal Melodies: Enchanted Again](#)
Signature Series | Racine Theatre Guild
April 26

[Chris Kroeze Music: Concert in the Corn](#)
Ashland Daily Press
August 28

Theater/Opera

[The Hobbit](#)
Racine Theatre Guild
April 10 – 19

[Racine Theatre Guild announces 89th season productions](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
Season

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

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

NEW Artists invited to submit work for PEEPS Art Show in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
Submission Dates: Through April 4

Hardy Calls For Artists

Door County Pulse

Submissions Open Through April 12

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 Manito Art League helps Northwoods artists further their education](#)

WJFW

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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