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

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Learning never exhausts the mind.” – Leonardo da Vinci

“I’m of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved.” – Barbara Kingsolver

“I have never looked for dream in reality or reality in dream. I have allowed my imagination free play, and I have not been led astray by it.” – Gustave Moreau

“You can’t depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.” – Mark Twain

“We do have a zeal for laughter in most situations, give or take a dentist.” – Joseph Heller

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[Art museum in Wisconsin hosts exhibit full of Peeps creations](#)

*TMJ4 News*

[Cinematic Drone Tour of Murals in Green Bay, De Pere & Oshkosh | Public Art by Andrew Linskens](#)

*Andrew Linskens*

[Discover Downtown Waupun | A New Direction](#)  
*Direction Dodge*

[UW-Stout Honors College | Community by Design](#)  
*University of Wisconsin-Stout*

[Billy Joel - New York State of Mind \(The100th: Live At Madison Square Garden \(The Complete Concert\)\)](#)  
*Billy Joel*

*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** [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*

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

[Winter Work, Spring Fruit](#)  
*Creative Copy | Wisconsin Arts Board*

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

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

[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*

[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 | 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  
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**

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**

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

[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**

[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**

[2026 – 27 RAM Artist Fellowships and Emerging Artist Award](#)  
*Racine Art Museum*

[2026 Stevens Point Sculpture Park Juried Call](#)  
*Stevens Point Sculpture Park*  
**Deadline: May 23**

[Stamp Artwork Can Still Be Submitted For DNR Waterfowl Design Contest](#)  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**Deadline: August 1**

[April 2026: Awe - In the art of being human, what are our most essential features?](#)  
*The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain and Jane R. Shore*

[Seats Left Empty on Smithsonian Board as Strain With White House Persists](#)  
*The New York Times*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[STEAM abounds at “Back to the Future: The Musical” for Maydm](#)  
*Overture Center for the Arts*

[Student art exhibition reception celebrates emerging artists at Arts in Hand](#)  
*Spooner Advocate*

[Wisconsin Teacher Awarded Luxury Vacation By American Idol Gold Ticket Winner](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[The Federal Budget Just Got Worse. Here’s What Music Educators Need to Understand. An update to Threat One from The Storm Is Here](#)  
*Bob Morrison*

## **Community Arts**

[St. Croix Valley Foundation presents this year's Valley Arts Initiative grants](#)  
*Hudson Star-Observer*

[Door County woman shares her love of horses and music with others](#)  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

[Baird Center named one of the world’s top 100 convention centers](#)  
*BizTimes Milwaukee*

[Milwaukee considers convention hotel. This Ohio city may show the way](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Proposed Kenosha Hard Rock casino project moves forward](#)  
*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

[Welcome to arts heaven](#)  
*Isthmus*

[The musicians of Isthmus](#)  
*Isthmus*

[GAME ON! E.C. Local Builds Connections Around Board Games](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Wendell Berry on How to Be a Poet and a Complete Human Being](#)  
*The Marginalian*

[Kathy Evans | Bio](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## Media Arts

[Writers Guild Reaches Tentative Four-Year Deal With Studios](#)  
*The Hollywood Reporter*

[Schoolhouse Rock!'s Unforgettable 'I'm Just a Bill' First Taught Us All a Little More About Congress 50 Years Ago](#)  
*People Magazine*

## Performing Arts

### Theater/Opera

[Door County theater's Doc will be a Fellow, too](#)  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

## Other

[18 Leadership Traits for Nonprofit Leaders](#)  
*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

[Greenwood Park Gallery Presents: Online Art Sale](#)  
*Greenwood Park Gallery*  
**April 12**

[Summer in Wisconsin: Art Exhibition](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**July 17 – September 5**

## Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: April 6-9, 2026](#)  
*Isthmus*  
**April 6 – 9**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

Oshkosh library hosts talk on Wisconsin's gangster past April 23  
*Oshkosh Northwestern*  
**April 23**

## Performing Arts

### Presenting

Horace Greene: The Great Hall at CREATE Portage County  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**April 10**

KINDRED CONNECTIONS: Dessa Returns To The Valley For One-Night Show  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**April 18**

## 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**

[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**

2026 Young Artists and Authors Showcase

*Sister Cities International*

**Deadline Extended: April 15**

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**

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**

'Barstow & Grand' Welcomes Submissions For Issue 10  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: April 30**

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**

Manito Art League helps Northwoods artists further their education  
*WJFW*  
**Deadline: May 1**

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**

Downtown Green Bay: We the People: A Community Quilt for 250 Years  
*WisBusiness*  
**Drop-Off Due Date: May 15**

[NEW 2026 Stevens Point Sculpture Park Juried Call](#)  
*Stevens Point Sculpture Park*  
**Deadline: May 23**

[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**

[NEW Stamp Artwork Can Still Be Submitted For DNR Waterfowl Design Contest](#)  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**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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