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Wisconsin Arts Board

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The basis of art is truth, both in matter and in mode.” – Flannery O'Connor

“When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.” – Maya Angelou

“If you're going through hell, keep going.” – Winston Churchill

“Poetry is the breath and finer spirit of all knowledge; it is the impassioned expression which is in the countenance of all Science ... In spite of difference of soil and climate, of language and manners, of laws and customs, — in spite of things silently gone out of mind, and things violently destroyed, the Poet binds together by passion and knowledge the vast empire of human society, as it is spread over the whole earth, and over all time ... Poetry is the first and last of all knowledge — it is as immortal as the heart of man.” – William Wordsworth

“If I'm going to sing like someone else, then I don't need to sing at all.” – Billie Holiday

“I must take issue with the term 'a mere child,' for it has been my invariable experience that the company of a mere child is infinitely preferable to that of a mere adult.” – Fran Lebowitz

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Wisconsin Film Festival brings filmmakers together with brunch
NBC 15 | WMTV
Through April 10

Honoring loved ones with community art project
WEAU
May 4

“Panama” - Van Halen (Ukulele & Violin Cover) ft. Sav Madigan
Patty PerShayla

Mindblowing guitar solo with 5000 Pub Choir singers covering Blondie (Call Me)
Pub Choir

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 Humanities programs across Wisconsin are in peril after Trump axes funding
Wisconsin Public Radio

Also

URGENT Save Wisconsin Humanities: Elimination of NEH Funding EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Wisconsin Humanities

Impending NEH cuts would put Wisconsin Humanities out of business, group says
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Cultural groups across U.S. told that federal humanities grants are terminated
Culture | NPR

Standing United: Protecting America's Arts and Cultural Future
Americans for the Arts

[DOGE Demands Deep Cuts at Humanities Endowment](#)
The New York Times

NEW [Gov. Evers: Statement on Suing the Trump Administration to Stop Cuts to Wisconsin Museums and Libraries](#)
Office of Governor Tony Evers

Also
NEW [States Challenge Trump's Effort to Dismantle Library Agency](#)
The New York Times

[Entire staff at federal agency that funds libraries and museums put on leave](#)
NPR

["Reading builds empathy": The case for saving America's libraries](#)
Commentary | Salon

[Agency funding libraries and museums puts all employees on leave ahead of major cuts](#)
Federal News Network

[Take Action to Save IMLS](#)
Americans for the Arts

[What's at Stake if Federal Funding for Museums and Libraries Disappears](#)
Arts Midwest

[Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy](#)
Presidential Action | The White House

[Act Now: Save the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)
American Alliance of Museums

[ALA Response to White House Assault on IMLS](#)
American Library Association

NEW [Week One of Jazz and Poetry Month 2025](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Wisconsin Arts and Creativity Newsletter | April, 2025 | Vol.3, Issue 8](#)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

NEW [2025 Virtual Dance Education Summit](#)
WI Department of Public Instruction
April 21

4/2/25 The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that arts and cultural production accounts for 2.90% of the Wisconsin economy (\$12,439,989,000) and contributes 95,305 jobs.

[NEW Arts and Cultural Industries Grew at Twice the Rate of the U.S. Economy, Adding \\$1.2 Trillion](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

Also

[NEW Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account, U.S. and States, 2023](#)

Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce

NEW The Wisconsin summary sheet may be found here:

<https://apps.bea.gov/data/special-topics/arts-and-culture/summary-sheets/Arts%20-%20Wisconsin.pdf>

[NEW Creative Economy State Profiles](#)

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies

[Notice of Public Hearings](#)

Joint Committee on Finance

April 28 | Hayward High School

April 29 | Northcentral Technical College, Wausau

[NEW Jazz Month 2025 Playlist](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board, YouTube

[NEW What's Afoot Backstage - March 2025](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[Breaking News Updates Impacting the Arts & Culture](#)

Americans for the Arts Action Fund

[Riley Saenim is 2025's Wisconsin Poetry Out Loud Champion](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[2024 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Curiosity](#)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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

Open Door Arts

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | April 4, 2025](#)

National Creativity Network

2025 Congressional Art Competition

Office of Congressman Bryan Steil

1st Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 9

Office of Congressman Derrick Van Orden

3rd Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 7 at 4:00 PM

Office of Congressman Scott Fitzgerald

5th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 11 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 18 at 5:00 PM

Office of Congressman Tony Wied

8th Congressional District of Wisconsin

Deadline: April 7 at 5:00 PM

Job Opportunities

Experiential Learning Manager

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design | MIAD

Applications will be reviewed starting April 14; until filled

President and CEO

National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

Deadline: April 14

NEW Executive Director Position

Waupaca Community Arts Hub

Deadline: May 9 or until filled

Scenic Charge Artist

Peninsula Players Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

School Registrar

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: Until Filled

Position Announcement: Controller (Full-Time)

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design

Deadline: Until Filled

Position Announcement: Vice President for Academic Affairs (Full-Time)

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design

Deadline: Until Filled

Operations Coordinator Description

Opera for the Young

Deadline: Until Filled

Marketing and Development Coordinator

Opera for the Young

Deadline: Until Filled

Director of Development

Schauer Arts Center

Deadline: Until Filled

Internships & Apprenticeships (Paid)

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre

Deadline: Until Filled

Event and Hospitality Coordinator

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: Until Filled

Museum Registrar

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: Until Filled

Brewers Hiring 2025 Game Day Performers and Staff

Urban Milwaukee

Deadlines: Until Filled

Account Executive

Radio Milwaukee

Until Filled

Post-Doctoral Curatorial and Teaching Fellow

Haggerty Museum of Art

Until Filled

Careers

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Deadline: Various

Jobs & Opportunities

National Organization for Arts in Health

Deadlines: Various

Deadlines | Resources | Events

America's Invitation | Share Your Story

America 250

Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

Attend Our Summer Institute - Transforming Systems for Innovation!

WI Department of Public Instruction

Deadline: April 7

Major Grants

Wisconsin Humanities

Application Deadlines: April 15, August 15, December 15

“Grant applications are not currently being accepted due to the delay in approval of the 2025 federal budget.” – Wisconsin Humanities

Business Of Art Conference IV | Artists At Work In Wellness: In Education

Dane Arts Buy Local | Dane Arts

April 24 – 26

Celebrate the 2025 NEA Jazz Masters April 24-26, 2025

National Endowment for the Arts

April 24 – 26

Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development announces arts and culture conference

Fox 47 | WMSN

May 1 – 2

2025 AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo

American Alliance of Museums

May 6 – 9 | Los Angeles, CA

2025 WRITING ON THE DOOR CONFERENCE: Writing the World

Write On, Door County

May 9 – 10

10th World Summit on Arts & Culture

International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)

May 27 - 30 | Seoul, South Korea

Embracing the Tangible: Fostering Interdisciplinary Connections in Book Art
CBAA the Association for Book Art Education
June 5 - 7 | UW-Madison

Experience the Future of Arts Leadership at AFTACON - National Arts Convening to Showcase Arts as a Catalyst for Community Change
Americans for the Arts
June 11 – 14

2025 National Conference
Dance/USA
June 17 - 20 | Chicago

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference
Creativity Rising
July 8 – 9 | Baltimore, MD

DNR Now Accepting Artwork For The 2026 Turkey, Pheasant And Waterfowl Stamp Contest
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Deadline: August 1

Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grants
Travel Wisconsin
Deadlines: August 1, November 1 | New Events, Existing Events, Sales Promotion, One Time/One-of-a-kind Event
Deadlines: September 1 | Destination Marketing

LEAD 2025: Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability Conference (including ED@LEAD)
Kennedy Center
August 18 – 22 | Cleveland, OH

2025 Prospectus
Wisconsin Science Festival
October 16 – 26

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

[Leo Landis may be the new guy, but he's steeped in Wisconsin history](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[7 Art Galleries in La Crosse](#)

La Crosse Local

[Vilcek Foundation to Award \\$50,000 Prizes to Immigrants in Fashion Fields](#)

Colossal

Deadline: June 9

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Walnuts and Bolts robotics team participated in Wisconsin regional competition](#)

Racine County Eye

[Wisconsin Head Start programs scrambling after federal layoffs](#)

The Capital Times

[We've Forgotten What College Is For](#)

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Arts and Healthcare

[The Art Effect: Neuroaesthetics and the Future of Health Equity](#)

Nonprofit Quarterly

Community Arts

[2025 NFL Draft: Milwaukee looking to cash in on tourism](#)

Fox 6 Milwaukee

Folk Arts/Folklife

[The largest gathering of Norwegians in Northwestern Wisconsin, probably: Gierfest](#)

Wisconsin Life

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Tamara Dean's essay collection 'Shelter and Storm' aims to spark curiosity](#)
Isthmus

[Jean Van Leeuwen, 87, Dies; Wrote 'Oliver Pig' Series of Children's Books](#)
Obituary | The New York Times

[George M. Johnson's 'All Boys Aren't Blue' tops 2024 list of most 'challenged' US library books](#)
AP News

[Maya Angelou | Still I Rise](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Did Mae West get married in Milwaukee? The Hollywood legend spent years denying it](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[The video game industry at a crossroads](#)
Consider This | NPR

Performing Arts

Music

[Ghosts of the Sun Embrace 'Animist' Identity in Sophomore Album](#)
Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

[The Surprising History of Betty Boop](#)
The New York Times

Did you know that Betty Boop illustrator [Grim Natwick](#) was from Wisconsin?

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

[61st Annual Spring Art Show](#)
Go Chippewa County
Through April 18

Emergence | Group Art Show
COPA, UW-Madison Art
April 12 |

Wisconsin Historical Society bringing History Makers Tour to La Crosse to talk Jazz!
WI Proud
April 13

"Daylight Saving" Mira Goodman Opening Reception
Bad Art Co
April 18 | Reception

Heritage Hill opens early with new exhibits and tours for NFL Draft
Fox 11 News
April 21 – 27

Arts and Creativity in Education

Birth of a musical - Faculty and parents go the extra mile to bring theater back to Sennett
Isthmus
April 25 – 27

Love's Labor's Won
Events | UW-Stevens Point
May 2 – 4, 8 – 10

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: Kashmira Sheth, Benny Benack III Quartet and more
Isthmus Picks
Isthmus
This Week

Performing Arts

Music

Jamie Schloegel, Jacob Sciammas make their pitch for the La Crosse Symphony conductor wannabes competition
WIZM
April 28 | Voting Ends
May 3 | Winners Perform

Presenting

Paul F. Tompkins is doing what he does best: everything
Isthmus
April 25

OPPORTUNITIES

April 2025 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Deadlines: Various

Open Calls

Artist Communities Alliance (ACA)

Various

Artist Opportunities: March and April 2025

Creative Capital

Various

Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines

City of Milwaukee Arts Board

Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.

Artist Residency

Wormfarm Institute

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis through Mid-March

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

Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants

New York Foundation for the Arts

Cycle 29 will be open Through March 11 for emergencies occurring August 1, 2024 and after

Learn more

[Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants Info Session July 2024](#)

New York Foundation for the Arts

[Rauschenberg Dancer Emergency Grant](#)

New York Foundation for the Arts

Cycle 18 will be open March 18 - April 15

Learn more

[Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants Info Session July 2024](#)

New York Foundation for the Arts

[CHOIRS OF CLASSIC ROCK: I Want to Know What... It's Like to Sing with Foreigner](#)

Volume One Magazine

Deadline: April 13

[EXTENDED 2025 Scholarship Applications](#)

Wisconsin Dance Council

Deadline: April 15

[Spring 2025 Cycle](#)

The Open Fund Artist Project Grant

Deadline: April 15

[Community Arts Education Leadership and Intercultural Institute \(CAELII\): Leadership Transformation](#)

National Guild for Community Arts Education

Deadline: April 15

[Major Grants](#)

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[New York Foundation for the Arts invites applications for environmental art projects](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: April 15

[Mudflat Studio invites applications for year-long residency program](#)

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: April 16

[America's Field Trip](#)

America 250

Deadline: April 16

Call for Artists: And I Will Tell You Mine

John Michael Kohler Arts Center

Deadline: April 17

Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

Deadline: April 20

2026 Writers & Literary Arts Administrators Residency

Write On, Door County

Information Sessions: April 24

Deadline: May 1

Grants for Visual Artists

Harpo Foundation

Deadline: April 28

Kenosha Murals Project Call for Artists

Kenosha Community Foundation, City of Kenosha, and the Kenosha Creative Space

Deadline: April 29

DNR Now Accepting Entries For 2026 State Park And Forest 12-Month Vehicle Admission Pass

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Deadline: April 30

Also

Do you have what it takes to design the 2026 park pass?

Madison Magazine

Deadline: April 30

READY TO ROCK(ONSIN): Applications Are Now Open for Rockonsin

Volume One Magazine

Deadline: April 30

All-Ages Poetry Contest!

Kenosha Public Library

Deadline: April 30

Festival of Fine Arts Puts Out Call for Artists

Door County Pulse

Deadline: May 1

Call for Vendors

Outpost Co-Op

Deadlines: Two weeks prior to event date

Event Dates: May 17, August 16, October 11

Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival 2025

The Phipps Center for the Arts

Deadline: May 2

Sheboygan Film Festival Accepting Submissions

CBS 4 | Indianapolis

May 2 Early Bird Deadline

June 6 | Regular Deadline

July 25 | Late Submissions Deadline

The ArtSeed Re-Granting Program

Racine Arts Council

Deadline: May 2

The Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Application is Now Open

The Andy Warhol Foundation

Deadline: May 7

Call for Entries: 63rd Annual Wall-to-Wall Juried Exhibit

The Hardy Gallery

Entries Due: May 16 & 17

Awakening the Senses: Art that Invites Interaction

RAM's Wustum Museum

Entry Deadline: May 17

2025 Stevens Point Sculpture Park Juried Call

The Stevens Point Sculpture Park

Deadline: May 23

2025 Stevens Point Sculpture Park Bench Call

The Stevens Point Sculpture Park

Deadline: May 23

65th Arrowhead Regional Biennial

Duluth Art Institute

Deadline: June 2

6th annual USA Miniprints for Peace and Justice 2025

SOS ART

Deadline: June 2

NEW Vilcek Foundation to Award \$50,000 Prizes to Immigrants in Fashion Fields

Colossal

Deadline: June 9

Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants in the arts, sciences, and humanities.

Philanthropy News Digest

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Fellowships and Grants | Scandinavian Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Deadline: September 1

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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