



**April 7, 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**

“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

“I always work on the theory that the audience will believe you best if you believe yourself.”  
– Charlton Heston

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

“I don’t think there’s any artist of any value who doesn’t doubt what they’re doing.” – Francis Ford Coppola

“Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there.” – Virginia Burden

“I can think of no more stirring symbol of man’s humanity to man than a fire engine.” – Kurt Vonnegut

“Unless your name ends in Baskin or Robbins, I really can't fit you into my schedule right now.” – Uniek Swain

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Arts Page | This Bay View artist's work shines bright in windows all around Milwaukee.](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

[Meet the Artist: April 2026 with Kyla Kluge](#)  
*JATVMedia*  
**Through April**

[NORMCO Percussion Handmade Cajons // Off The Beaten Path EP. 34](#)  
*Mike Malone*

[Norah Jones Is Playing Along with Josh Groban \(Podcast Season 2 Episode 26\)](#)  
*Norah Jones*

*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** [We Rebuilt Our Resources. Here's What's New.](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

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

Also  
[High School Students from Across Nation to Compete in Poetry Out Loud National Finals](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*  
**April 28 – 29**

[The Wisconsin Arts Board Congratulates Its America250 Grantees](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[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*

[Help WisconsinEye Raise Operations Funds](#)  
*GoFundMe*

[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](#).

<a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a> <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](#)

*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**

#### Milwaukee artist's work to headline 175th Wisconsin State Fair

*Wisconsin State Farmer*

#### Wisconsin's Historic Villa Turned Museum In Milwaukee Offers Stunning Architecture, Gardens, And Lake Views

*AOL.com*

#### Artist Fashions Cardboard Into Incredible Sculptures Inspired by Family and the Chinese Community

*My Modern Met*

#### Natural disasters and political instability hampered U.S. museum attendance in 2025

*Culture | NPR*

#### How the New Deal Treated Art as Essential to Democracy

*Art in America*

### **Arts and Creativity in Education**

#### Why do new teachers leave Wisconsin? New report shows retention red flags

*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

#### Play and learn together: Four activities to celebrate Earth Day with your kids

*PBS Kids | PBS Wisconsin*

#### UW Regents schedule meeting to potentially fire UW president

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## Community Arts

[This Wisconsin City Emerges As an Arts-Rich, Affordable Haven for Retirees Seeking Charm](#)

*Investopedia*

## Folk Arts/Folklife

[Mandaamin Nabooob](#)

*Wisconsin Life*

['Language lost. Culture lost': In Milwaukee, a race to keep Rohingya language alive in exile](#)

*Wisconsin Watch*

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[Opinion | In these times, library's legacy means a lot](#)

*The Capital Times*

[Mobile program brings Wisconsin's Ice Age past to schools and libraries](#)

*Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[The Poetics of Repetition: In Praise of the Art of Replication](#)

*Literary Hub, University of Wisconsin Press*

[Rita Dove | Canary](#)

*Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation*

## Media Arts

[Plaza next to Oriental Theatre to get performance stage, shade canopy](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Producer Colin Crowley reflects on 'Welcome Poets'](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

Also

[Episodes | 'Welcome Poets'](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

[A Horror Film Is Shooting Inside a Real Mall After Hours — Here's the Story](#)

*4 Filming*

[Paramount Secures Agreements For Gulf State Funds To Back WBD Acquisition](#)

*Deadline*

## Performing Arts

## Music

[Musicians know how to listen. Do you?](#)

*Fast Company Executive Board*

[The future of music is human-generated](#)

*Impact Council | Fast Company*

[Yamaha Corporation Launches New Global Brand Campaign “You Are the Instrument” which reframes Why People Play Music.](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, EIN Presswire*

## Presenting

[As the Live Nation trial continues, how do artists actually feel about touring?](#)

*Music | NPR*

## Other

[Intention, discernment, and AI](#)

*ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor*

## WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wisconsin Union team to celebrate Union South’s 15th anniversary with community events](#)

*Wisconsin Union | UW-Madison*

**Various**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[FlowPoetry](#)

*Isthmus*

**June 10**

## Media Arts

[Free 2026 Festival of Slovenian Films to Be Held at UW-Milwaukee This Saturday and Sunday, April 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**April 11 – 12**

[Documentary about Hmong culture in Wisconsin to premiere](#)

*WI Proud*

**April 16**

[Your Journaling Journey Starts Here: A PBS Wisconsin Thoreau Pop-Up!](#)

*PBS Wisconsin*

**April 22**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[The Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra presents Peter and the Wolf](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**April 11, 12**

### **Presenting**

['Live Here Now' Brings Comedy & Conversation To The Mabel Tainter](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**April 7, 10**

[Chicago tribute concert raises money for Wausau music students](#)

*Wausau Daily Herald*

**April 25**

### **Theater/Opera**

[Disney vet brings fresh look, same songs to First Stage's 'Frozen'](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

**April 11 – May 17**

[INTERVIEW: April shows at the Eau Claire Children's Theater](#)

*WEAU*

**April 10 – 11, 17 – 18 | "Alice in Wonderland Jr."**

**April 24 – 26 | "Legally Blonde The Musical"**

**April 30 | "Purses with Purpose"**

## **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**

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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