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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

“Say, its only a paper moon
Sailing over a cardboard sea
But it wouldn't be make-believe
If you believed in me.” – Yip Harburg

“Look, look, look to the rainbow
Follow it over the hill and stream
Look, look, look to the rainbow
Follow the fellow who follows a dream.” – Yip Harburg

“Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true.” – Yip Harburg

“If in the last few years you haven't discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You may be dead.” – Gelett Burgess

“All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.” – Charles M. Schulz

VIDEO OF THE DAY

INTERVIEW: Blues talent taking center stage at free Eau Claire showcase
WEAU
April 12

Inside Forevertron - The Epic Scrap Metal Time Machine of Dr. Evermor
Restoration Corner

People in recovery find a fresh start by crafting Troublesome Creek instruments
PBS NewsHour

Tangled Up In Blue - Bob Dylan x Tangled Up In Blue Acappella
Tangled Up In Blue

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 Americans for the Arts Announces New Board Leadership, Names Kristina Newman-Scott as Chair
Americans for the Arts

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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[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

[NEW Arts Administrative Director](#)
Suzuki Strings of Madison
Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

[NEW 2026 Wisconsin Science Festival](#)

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 15 – 25

[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

[Late philanthropist Jerry Frautschi gifted \\$6.5 million to Madison Children's Museum](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[What You Need to Build an Artist Website](#)

Guides + Tools | Arts Midwest

Arts and Creativity in Education

[WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 8 - April 2026](#)

WI Department of Public Instruction

[I voted stickers by elementary students in Shorewood handed out](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Fall Creek School District passes \\$24.8 million referendum for building expansion project](#)

WQOW

[Milwaukee Teachers Union Calls on MPS to Reverse Staff Cuts](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Young artists can design a new flag for America's future](#)

USA 250 | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[UW Board of Regents fires Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Also

[UW Board of Regents fire UW system President Jay Rothman](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents fires president Jay Rothman, but won't say why](#)
BizTimes Daily

[Leader of University of Wisconsin System Is Fired by the Board](#)
The New York Times

Arts and Healthcare

[The choir helping stroke and brain injury survivors restore what was lost](#)
MSN, The Washington Post

[How to appreciate art slowly – and why doing so is good for you](#)
Positive. News

Community Arts

[Wisconsin Dells gets world's largest steel dragon for medieval resort opening late spring](#)
Art Threat

[LIVING CITIES: How Local Communities & The Natural World Collide](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Duluth Armory Arts and Music Center names new executive director](#)
WDIO

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin Book of the Month reveals secrets of Kottke's landmark album](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Enter Book | Dalia Taha, Translated By Sara Elkamel](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Milwaukee-based Marcus Theatres names Jeffry Tomachek as new president](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[SAG-AFTRA to Resume Talks With Studios in April, Thanks to Early WGA Deal](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Presenting

[La Crosse County committee approves Country Boom Festival relocation proposal](#)
News8000.com

[New music venue to open in downtown Green Bay](#)
WBAY

Other

[Reimagining Restricted Revenue: A Simpler Path to Transparency](#)
Blue Avocado

[How AI Is Changing Fundraising](#)
Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Why Americans Give: New Research Finds 5 Profiles for Generosity](#)
Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Gen Z Wants to Raise Money for You. Here's How to Stop Scaring Them Off.](#)
Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[Artist Joel Otterson and Music Director Ken-David Masur in conversation with Michelle Grabner](#)

Sculpture Milwaukee Talks

April 16

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Visiting Writers Series hosts Ae Hee Lee and Alex Niemi April 21](#)

Carthage College

April 21

[2026 Mount Mary Fashion Show Will Celebrate Creativity and Vision](#)

Urban Milwaukee

May 8

Media Arts

[Former Badger featured in Wisconsin Film Festival](#)

Wisconsin Badgers

April 12

[WPR's Larry Meiller coming to Green Bay to celebrate 59 years on air](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

May 12

Performing Arts

Dance

[P.R.I.D.E Dance Spring 2026 Recital](#)

Barron News-Shield

April 13

Presenting

[Emma's Revolution](#)

Isthmus

April 26

[Washington Park Wednesdays Announces 2026 Summer Concerts](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Series

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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