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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The monuments of wit survive the monuments of power.” – Francis Bacon

“The worst tragedy for a poet is to be admired through being misunderstood.” – Jean Cocteau

“You don’t have to suffer to be a poet; adolescence is enough suffering for anyone.” – John Ciardi

“Life is like a sewer — what you get out of it depends on what you put into it.’ It’s always seemed to me that this is precisely the sort of dynamic, positive thinking that we so desperately need today in these trying times of crisis and universal brouhaha.” – Tom Lehrer

“We have been taught to believe that negative equals realistic and positive equals unrealistic.” – Susan Jeffers

“I’m sure we all agree that we ought to love one another, and I know there are people in the world who do not love their fellow human beings — and I hate people like that!” – Tom Lehrer

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Wisconsin nonprofits, libraries & museums scrambling as DOGE cuts funding for humanities](#)

*Fox 11 News*

[La Crosse Common Council to vote on supporting state film incentives](#)

*News8000.com*

[Nubya Garcia: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

*NPR Music*

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## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Former N.E.A. head makes the case for government funding of the arts](#)

*All Things Considered | NPR*

**NEW** [Wisconsin nonprofits grapple with yet more federal funding cuts](#)

*WORT*

Also

**NEW** [Federal funding cuts threaten Wisconsin Humanities programs](#)

*Fox 47 | WMSN*

[Opinion | Humanities Council head calls cuts a 'crisis for democracy'](#)

*The Capital Times*

[Humanities needed for Wisconsin communities' strength, growth](#)

*Editorial Opinion | Wisconsin Humanities*

[Humanities programs across Wisconsin are in peril after Trump axes funding](#)

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

**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 Opinion | Amid federal threats, we must protect our public libraries**

*The Capital Times*

**Madison Public Library rallies for support amid funding uncertainty**

*The Badger Herald*

**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*

**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.**

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

Also  
[Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account, U.S. and States, 2023](#)  
*Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce*

The Wisconsin summary sheet may be found here:  
<https://apps.bea.gov/data/special-topics/arts-and-culture/summary-sheets/Arts%20-%20Wisconsin.pdf>

[Creative Economy State Profiles](#)  
*National Assembly of State Arts Agencies*

**NEW** [Wisconsin Governor's Outdoor Industry Awards](#)  
*Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation*  
**Nomination Deadline: April 27**

[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 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**

## **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](#)

*gener8tor*

**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**

[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](#)

[NEW 2025 Virtual Dance Education Summit](#)

*WI Department of Public Instruction*

**April 21**

[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**

[Barn quilt designed by a Shawano group gets NFL endorsement, to be featured at draft event](#)

*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

[County Begins Planning for Empty Museum Building](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

[‘We are in uncharted territory’: Trump’s tariffs scramble art trade](#)

*The Art Newspaper*

[Head of African American Museum Departs as Trump Targets Smithsonian](#)

*The New York Times*

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

[Green Bay public school libraries receive nearly \\$2 million](#)

*WBAY*

### **Community Arts**

[Obituary | Charles Edward Meech II](#)

*Bratley Family Funeral Homes*

*Mr. Meech was President of – and the driving force behind - the Madeline Island School of Art.*

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Opinion | Amid federal threats, we must protect our public libraries](#)

*The Capital Times*

[New Wisconsin Poet Laureate Brenda Cárdenas on the mysteries and rewards of language](#)  
*WORT*

[Wisconsin writer turns his 'lifelong obsession' of researching cultural icons into new book](#)  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Germantown Community Library joins American Heart Association's 'Libraries with Heart' initiative](#)  
*Newsroom | American Heart Association*

[Being a librarian was already hard. Then came the Trump administration](#)  
*The Guardian*

[Brittany Rogers | Dressing the Body](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

[Debunking the PBS Myth: What Happens if Trump Defunds It](#)  
*Yahoo! News | The Wrap*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[National Recording Registry adds Tracy Chapman, Hamilton and the Minecraft game soundtrack](#)  
*Morning Edition | NPR*

[Here are this week's Top 10 recordings](#)  
*The Well-Tempered Ear*

### **Presenting**

[Country Boom Music Festival eyes new location in West Salem](#)  
*News8000.com*

### **Theater/Opera**

['Good God, It Was Fun!' Barbra Streisand, Liza Minnelli, Dick Van Dyke, and more legends of Broadway reprise their most memorable characters.](#)  
*Vulture*

## **Other**

[What are the best strategies and tips for managing a nonprofit board of directors?](#)  
*Blue Avocado*

Lessons Learned From a Decades-Long Nonprofit-Corporate Partnership  
*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**

New Literacy Exhibit Coming to Betty Brinn Children's Museum This Summer  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**May 24 – September 7**

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

Niagara High School's public-speaking team to compete at state meet  
*Iron Mountain Daily News*  
**April 11**

Madison College's Spring Pow Wow will honor Native American traditions April 26  
*Madison365*  
**April 26**

Opportunities abound for spring student art exhibits  
*UW-Platteville News*  
**Various**

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

Read the World: A Celebration of Poetry in Translation  
*Art + Literature Laboratory*  
**April 9**

### **Performing Arts**

#### **Music**

Excited for the new Bon Iver album? These coffees were designed to complement the music  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**April 11**

#### **Presenting**

Break it Down to R&B Beats with Brand-new Act at State Fair  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**August 2**

## **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**

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

[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*

**Deadline: June 30**

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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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