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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I think that anyone who's pushed to do the very best that they can is privileged. It's a luxury.” – Twyla Tharp

“No matter what you or anyone else does, there will be someone who says that there's something bad about it. Whenever somebody comes up with a good idea, there's somebody else who has never had a good idea in his life who stands up and says, "Oh, you can't do that..."” – Tom Clancy

“I have very strongly this feeling... that our everyday life is at one and the same time banal, overfamiliar, platitudinous and yet mysterious and extraordinary.” – Bryan Magee

“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.” – Thomas Jefferson

“The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.” – James Branch Cabell

“There's no business like show business, but there are several businesses like accounting.”  
– David Letterman

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[2025 Spring Art Showcase | Sharon Kilfoy](#)  
*Promega*

[ON TRACK TO PBS: Locally-Made Documentary About Uniroyal to Air Statewide](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**May 20**

[Mister Rogers' beloved neighbor Jeff Erlanger inspires new 'Donkey Hodie' character](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[Recognize National Autism Acceptance Month with PBS Wisconsin](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[The First Play](#)  
*Saturday Night Live*

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## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Measure for Measure: Anatomy of a Rebound in the Arts Economy](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

**NEW** [Governor Evers Reappoints Wisconsin Arts Board Members](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[Making the economic case for state investment in the arts](#)  
*Lake Effect | WUWM*

**NEW** [Trump Wants to Make American Culture Great Again. This Is How He Should Do It.](#)  
*The New York Times*

[\*\*NEW\*\* Trump revives plan to spend NEH, NEA funds on 'Garden of American Heroes'](#)  
*The Washington Post*

Also

[\*\*NEW\*\* Trump's Sculpture Garden of 'American Heroes' Moves Ahead with NEH Funding](#)

*ARTnews*

[Canceled Humanities Grants to Help Pay for Trump's 'Garden of Heroes'](#)

*The New York Times*

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

*WTAQ*

[At least 1,200 grants canceled as NEH cuts target humanities across U.S.](#)

*The Washington Post*

[Cuts to NEH and Humanities Councils: What the Midwest Will Lose](#)

*Federation of State Humanities Councils*

[Where did U.S. humanities grants go? To projects from a baseball film to AI research](#)

*Culture | NPR*

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

*WORT*

[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*

[Trump budget cuts have Madison libraries, culture groups on edge](#)  
*The Capital Times*

Also  
[What does the Institute of Museum and Library Services do for local libraries?](#)  
*WXPR*

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

[The ALA Sues Over the Scuppering of the IMLS](#)  
*Publishers Weekly*

[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 Two of Jazz and Poetry Month 2025](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

Also  
[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*

[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*

[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 11, 2025](#)  
*National Creativity Network*

## **2025 Congressional Art Competition**

[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**

[Artistic Director](#)  
*New York Mills (MN) Regional Cultural Center*  
**Deadline: April 28**

[Executive Director Position](#)  
*Waupaca Community Arts Hub*  
**Deadline: May 9 or until filled**

Marketing Specialist

*Newaukee*

**Deadline: 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](#)

[Making Connections: 25 Innovators Tackling the Loneliness Epidemic](#)

*Reimagine*

**April 17**

[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**

[Milwaukee Public Museum gives sneak peek of future Schlitz Palm Garden exhibit in new home](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Also

[Another peek at Milwaukee Revealed, the spiritual successor to MPM's Streets of Old Milwaukee](#)

*Milwaukee Record*

[Against Efficiency](#)

*Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums*

[Trump sets sights on national African American history museum](#)

*USA Today*

[AAM Recognizes 8 Individuals and 4 Institutions for Exemplary Work in the Museum Field](#)

*American Alliance of Museums*

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Congresswoman Gwen Moore Hosts Congressional Art Competition Reception](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

[OLD FASHIONED, MEET SANDWICH: Did This Culinary Student Just Make The Official Eau Claire Sandwich?](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

## **Community Arts**

[St. Croix Valley Foundation awards \\$65,000 to 18 arts nonprofits](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

[Hmong Market hosted in Eau Claire](#)

*WEAU*

[Trump Order Threatens Haitian Immigrants in New London, WI](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[David Maduli | alameda point](#)

*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[Meet the stars - NEW Dancing With Our Stars kicks off 2025 campaign](#)

*The Press Times*

### **Music**

[Meet the LSO Conductor Wannabe contestants!](#)

*WXOW*

[5 Takeaways From Bon Iver's New Album 'SABLE, fABLE'](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

Also

[Bon Iver announce range of 'SABLE, fABLE' brand collaborations, including smoked salmon, sorbet and sourdough](#)

*NME*

## **Other**

[Move Beyond Membership by Embracing Relationship-Based Fundraising](#)

*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

[Show gathers 40 years of artist's works](#)

*Kenosha News*

**Through May 25**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[Area teen artists featured in regional WRAP exhibit](#)

*Antigo Daily Journal*

**Through April 17**

## Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: mssv, Twyla Tharp Dance and more Isthmus Picks](#)

*Isthmus*

**April 14 – 17**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

[Novelist Abraham Verghese tackles spirituality and science](#)

*The Capital Times*

**April 29**

[Marathon County Public Library programs](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Various**

## Media Arts

[Film Festival Tickets On Sale April 13](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**April 24 – May 8**

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Lakeshore Wind Ensemble Presents “An American Salute: Wisconsin Rhapsody”](#)

*Seehafernews.com*

**May 3**

[Bel Canto Chorus Explores the Meaning of Home in Season Finale Concert](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**May 4**

## Presenting

[The 2025 PrideFest Headliners Are Here!](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**June 5 – 7**

## 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**

[Artist Opportunities: May and June 2025](#)

*Creative Capital*

**Various | May and June**

[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*

**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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“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**

Artist Call Bloom Mural

*Madison Public Art Project*

**Deadline: May 1**

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**

Invitation to Artists | Public Art Opportunity

*Department of Health and Human Services | Milwaukee County*

**Deadline: May 5**

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 Call for Award Nominations

*Association of Midwest Museums (AMM)*

**Deadline: May 23**

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**

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

*Colossal*

**Deadline: June 9**

Call for Artists | Community Mosaic Project 2025

*The Hardy Gallery*

**Canvases Due: June 22**

**July 11 - August 24 | Exhibition**

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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**Deadlines: September 1 | Destination Marketing**

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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