



**April 14, 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 plucking at the heartstrings, and making music with them." – Dennis Gabor

"When you have clay in your hands, it's hard to avoid making birds." – Eva Zeisel

"Competitions are for horses, not artists." – Bela Bartok

"Without work, talent is lost." – Judit Polgar

"For yesterday and for all tomorrows, we dance the best we know." – Kate Seredy

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[The Arts Page | The 17th annual PEEPS® Brand Art Exhibition at the Racine Art Museum](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

[In Focus with Greg Doby and Menkhu Ara Maat: Hip-hop history](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[Black Nouveau | Dear Black Boy, Futures Not Funerals, Black Lens Festival, Vivent Health](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

[Introducing #MKERepsArtists — Bold Voices. Lasting Legacy.](#)  
*Milwaukee Rep*

[Strategic Partnerships and Mergers](#)  
*Guides + Tools | Arts Midwest*

[Tiny Desk Contest Top Shelf 2026: Episode 3 with Madison McFerrin](#)  
*NPR Music*

*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** [The Great Connector: How Arts Participation Renews Civic and Community Engagement](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

**NEW** [Statement on Proposed Elimination of the NEA, April 2026](#)  
*National Assembly of State Arts Agencies*

**NEW** [Creative Copy | Fantastic Film](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** [WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 8 - April 2026](#)  
*WI Department of Public Instruction*

**NEW** [ArtScan](#)  
*Arts Education Partnership*

*"A clearinghouse of the latest state policies supporting arts education from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity."*

[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*

[Help Wisconsin Eye Raise Operations Funds](#)  
*GoFundMe*

[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 10, 2026](#)  
*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

**NEW** [Ticketing Services Specialist - The Young](#)  
*Young Auditorium | UW-Whitewater*  
**Deadline: April 26**

[Executive Assistant](#)  
*Arts Midwest*  
**Deadline: May 31**

Part-Time Faculty

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: May 31**

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](#).

## **2026 Congressional Art Competition Deadlines**

Office of Congressman Glenn Grothman

*6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Wisconsin*

**Deadline: April 14**

## **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**

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**

Open invitation to policy brief launch: The role of the arts in addressing the health impacts of climate change  
*World Health Organization*  
**April 29**

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**

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**

[Wisconsin artist Lisa Frank lifts Madison spirits, one crane at a time](#)  
*The Capital Times*

[The Joyce Foundation Expands Signature Program with New Artist-centered, Statewide Model in Six States, Administered by United States Artists](#)

*The Joyce Foundation*

**Deadline: May 4**

[Creative Capital Announces New Board and Advisory Council Members](#)  
*Creative Capital for Artists*

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

[Wausau School District gets \\$631K for libraries from statewide fund](#)  
*Wausau Daily Herald*

[MPS To Add 150 Classroom Staff While Cutting Central Office Jobs](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio*

### **Arts and Healthcare**

[A beauty walk of my own](#)  
*Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting*

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[celeste doaks | Daniel's Response to Jet, or Why Do You Trust Her?](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

### **Performing Arts**

#### **Dance**

[A Wellness Center for Young Ballet Students \(Snacks Included\)](#)  
*The New York Times*

#### **Music**

[\[PHOTOS\] Once More, Autumn & Sleeping Trees At Abraxas Wax](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's 2026 Inductees: Oasis, Phil Collins, Iron Maiden, Sade, Billy Idol, Wu-Tang Clan and More](#)  
*Variety*

## Other

[Practice makes less imperfect](#)  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes*

[Scammers Are Spoofing Charities on Venmo: How to Protect Your Donors](#)  
*Solutions | The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

[What Nonprofit Leaders Should Know About Mergers and Partnerships](#)  
*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

[Chippewa Valley Museum Hosts April History Book Club](#)  
*Eau Claire Today*  
**April 14**

[Circus World season celebrates America's 250th birthday](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*  
**Season**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[New exhibition features work from UWRF BFA candidates](#)  
*River Falls Journal*  
**Through May 1**

[The World's Largest Trivia Contest brings another marathon weekend to central Wisconsin](#)  
*Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio*  
**April 17 – 19**

## Community Arts

[Neighbors raise concerns over Olbrich Gardens expansion plans](#)

*Isthmus*

**April 14**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Chippewa Valley Museum Hosts April History Book Club](#)

*Eau Claire Today*

**April 14**

[Wisconsin Author's Tea - Meet and Greet](#)

*Stevens Point Journal*

**April 25**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[Madison Symphony Orchestra Centennial Festival Weekend](#)

*Isthmus*

**June 13, 14**

### **Presenting**

['The Great Gatsby' roars in for its Wisconsin debut](#)

*Spectrum News 1*

**April 14 – 19 | Fox Cities Performing Arts Center**

**July 28 – August 2 | Overture Center for the Arts**

[XRoads41 Hard Drive in Oshkosh releases full lineup](#)

*WBAY*

**August 9**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEW** [Artist Opportunities – April 2026](#)

*Creative Capital for Artists*

**Various | April**

[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**

2026 Young Artists and Authors Showcase  
*Sister Cities International*  
**Deadline Extended: April 15**

2026 Free-for-Wall: “Joy: A Community Art Exhibition”

ArtStart Rhinelander

**Drop Off Deadline: April 15 - 17**

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**

**NEW** The Joyce Foundation Expands Signature Program with New Artist-centered, Statewide Model in Six States, Administered by United States Artists

*The Joyce Foundation*

**Deadline: May 4**

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**

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**

**NEW** E.C. County Offering Roughly \$250K In Nonprofit Support Grants  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: June 1**

Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**June 12 | Regular Deadline**  
**July 17 | Late Deadline**

Volunteer at Artspire 2026  
*Pump House Regional Arts Center*  
**June 12, 13**

**NEW** The Beyond & Black Kettle Tea Shoppe Call For Short Film Entries  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: June 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**

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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