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*Wisconsin Arts Board*

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“An education isn’t how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It’s being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don’t.” – William Feather

“The acquisition of any knowledge is always of use to the intellect, because it may thus drive out useless things and retain the good. For nothing can be loved or hated unless it is first known.” – Leonardo da Vinci

“It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously.” – Peter Ustinov

“If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing.” – Anatole France

“You can't imagine what satisfaction can be gotten from throwing a pie into someone's face.” – Emma Thompson

“I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money.” – Arthur Godfrey

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[NEA Jazz Masters: Richard Davis \(2014\)](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

[Mie | Ice VOL41](#)  
*Rhythm Cafe MKE | Milwaukee PBS*

[Choir! sings Justin Bieber - Love Yourself](#)  
*Choir! Choir! Choir!*

[OK Go - Love \(Official Video\)](#)  
*OK Go*

*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 Senate Bill 185](#)**  
*Wisconsin State Legislature*

“An Act to repeal 70.11 (29p); to renumber 70.11 (29m); to create 70.11 (29m) (b) of the statutes; Relating to: property tax exemption for nonprofit theaters. (FE)”

**[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 Tom Tiffany](#)  
*7th Congressional District of Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: April 18 at 5:00 PM**

## **Job Opportunities**

[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](#)  
*Newaukeee*  
**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**

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**

[Madison museum's artwork makes the pages of Vogue](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[Dig into the 2025 Garden & Green Living Expo photography competition online gallery!](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[Plans to move Weis Earth Science Museum to History Museum at the Castle close to certainty](#)  
*NBC 26*

[Opinion | Trump's attack on 'Black Smithsonian' is appalling](#)  
*The Capital Times*

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

['Passport' event takes visitors around world in 1 night](#)  
*Superior Telegram*

[Milwaukee expresses support for Vel Phillips observance day in Wisconsin schools](#)  
*Milwaukee Record*

[Report that Head Start could end alarms providers for the early childhood education program](#)  
*Wisconsin Examiner*

[Q&A: New Marquette president Kimo Ah Yun discusses plans for facing university's biggest challenges](#)  
*BizTimes Milwaukee*

[UW-Superior's new library space fosters community, professional growth](#)  
*All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin*

### **Community Arts**

[From Racine Stages to Virtual Slots – Online Entertainment's Cultural Takeover](#)  
*Racine County Eye*

[Installation of Hoan Bridge East Side Lights Begins, Bringing Full Illumination to Milwaukee's Iconic Bridge by July 2025](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Closing, downsizing or building new among options for South Milwaukee Library, study says](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Mark Strand | The Mysterious Arrival of an Unusual Letter](#)  
*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## **Media Arts**

[Action! Wisconsin: Momentum builds for Wisconsin film production incentives & state film office with new legislative proposal & state budget provisions](#)  
*WisPolitics*

Also  
[Momentum Builds for Wisconsin Film Production Incentives & State Film Office with New Legislative Proposal & State Budget Provisions](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

[GOP lawmakers want to create State Film Office, offer incentives for producing TV and movies](#)  
*WisBusiness*

[La Crosse Rep. Billings, Sen. Pfaff hold listening sessions, with residents' priorities including UW-L's science center, health care, immigration, film](#)  
*WIZM*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Presenting**

[Anti-Trust Case Against Live Nation Could Impact Milwaukee](#)  
*Murphy's Law | Urban Milwaukee*

### **Theater/Opera**

[Tomahawk native takes the stage in Minneapolis production of Disney's 'Frozen'](#)  
*Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio*

## **Other**

[4 Scenarios Where a Major Gift May Be a One-Time Donation](#)  
*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

[Hmong-Lao American Day](#)

*Neville Public Museum*

**May 11**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[The Magic Flute: A Musical Adventure](#)

*UW-Stevens Point*

**April 23, 27**

## Community Arts

[Random Acts of Art](#)

*Door Kinetic Arts Festival*

**June 6**

## Folk Arts/Folklife

[Indigenous art will welcome Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport visitors flying in for the NFL Draft](#)

*Madison365*

**Through May 30**

[Hmong-Lao American Day](#)

*Neville Public Museum*

**May 11**

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Here's Some Music That Stalin Banned](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**April 21**

[Madisonian Deb Kabler helps celebrate VFW Band's 75th anniversary](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**April 21**

## 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**

[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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*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**

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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