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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

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." – Jackie Robinson

"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

"In this world there is room for everyone. And the good earth is rich and can provide for everyone. The way of life can be free and beautiful, but we have lost the way. Greed has poisoned men's souls, has barricaded the world with hate, has goose-stepped us into misery and bloodshed. We have developed speed, but we have shut ourselves in. Machinery that gives abundance has left us in want. Our knowledge has made us cynical. Our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost." – Charlie Chaplin

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

"Skipping is nature's antidepressant." – Jessi Lane Adams

"My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already." – Dave Barry

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[INTERVIEW: Eau Claire Jazz Crawl returns for another year](#)

WEAU

April 17 – 18

[Mineral Point - Rooted in Land, Crafted by Hand](#)

Discover Wisconsin

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Ben Mulwana | VOL37 – Embozi](#)

Milwaukee PBS

Also

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Ben Mulwana | Meet the Artist](#)

Milwaukee PBS

[Carioca | Pink Martini](#)

Pink Martini

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

Upcoming Grant Panel Meetings

4/23 | [Creative Communities – Arts Education](#)

4/28 | [Creative Communities – Folk Arts](#)

4/28 | [Folk Arts Apprenticeships](#)

4/30 | [Creative Communities – Local Arts](#)

NEW [Wisconsin Department of Justice and a Coalition of States Win Trial Against Live Nation and Ticketmaster](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Also

NEW [Live Nation and Ticketmaster Held Illegal Monopoly in Ticketing Market, Jury Finds](#)

Variety

NEW Jury Finds Live Nation Acts as a Monopoly in a Victory for States
The New York Times

NEW Join the Wisconsin Social Rx Ecosystem
Wisconsin Social Rx

Also

NEW Social Prescribing in Wisconsin- Shared screen with speaker view
Wisconsin Social Rx + Social Rx, Zoom

NEW Spotighting Wisconsin - Saint Maud's
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Creative Copy | Fantastic Film
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Wisconsin By the People
Wisconsin Humanities

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 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 WisconsinEye 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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[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

NEW Deputy Director of Finance, Administration and Retail Enterprise
Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
Deadline: Until Filled

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](#).

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

[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

Passion for Pottery | Woodson Wanderings
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Marinette's newest member of the city council is also still in high school](#)
WBAY

[Act 222 expands graduation rights for Indigenous students across Wisconsin](#)
WAOW

[What If All U.S. Students Had to Pass the Citizenship Test to Graduate?](#)
Carnegie Corporation of New York

[UW-Stout: Industrial design seniors create cutting-edge models for music creation, home furnishings](#)
WisBusiness

[Who knows final outcome for UWWC campus?](#)
Straight Talk from the Heartland | John Torinus

[Blugolds meet Chancellor candidate – Edwin Martini](#)
WEAU

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Tony Shalhoub talks Green Bay memories, Packers 'surge,' his new book](#)
Green Bay Press-Gazette

[Tracy K. Smith | The Good Life](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Why theater owners are balking at Hollywood's latest mega deal](#)
Los Angeles Times

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Wisconsin Department of Justice and a Coalition of States Win Trial Against Live Nation and Ticketmaster](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Also
[Live Nation and Ticketmaster Held Illegal Monopoly in Ticketing Market, Jury Finds](#)
Variety

[Jury Finds Live Nation Acts as a Monopoly in a Victory for States](#)
The New York Times

[The Kennedy Center wants to show that the building really needs a renovation](#)
AP News

Other

[The Real Cost of Making Art \(And Why It's Worth It\)](#)
Next Big Idea Club Magazine

[How to Get Your CEO Involved in Fundraising to Close Major Gifts](#)
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

[Visit Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporters, editors at Art in Bloom](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
April 16 – 18

[Opening Reception: Reflections and Undercurrents](#)
Urban Milwaukee
April 17

[Spring Gallery Night MKE: 7 Art Exhibits to See](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
April 17 – 18

[CPAL hosting free paint events for America250 art project](#)
The Chetek Alert
April 17, 21

[WE THE PEOPLE: See prehistoric Wisconsin at the History Museum at the Castle](#)
WBAY
On Exhibit

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre stages family musical Doctor Dolittle Jr. this weekend](#)
WAOW
April 17 – 19

[Cartas de Cuba](#)

Isthmus

May 1 - 2

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: April 16-19, 2026](#)

Isthmus

April 16 – 19

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: April 16-19](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

April 16 – 19

[The Weekend Pulse, April 16-19](#)

Point/Plover Metro Wire

April 16 – 19

[Things to do in the Milwaukee area this weekend, including Zine Fest](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

This Weekend

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Bingo, business and a bluegrass music festival](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

[Manitowoc events April 16-22 include 'Legally Blonde Jr.' and more](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

April 16 – 22

[Community Events Calendar: April 16-26](#)

The Verona Press

April 16 – 26

[Verona Skatepark Concept Design](#)

Isthmus

April 21

[Artspire 2026](#)

Pump House Regional Arts Center

June 13

Literary Arts/Libraries

[How to Make a Zine, According to a Milwaukee Zine Fest Organizer](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

April 18

[Learn habits to support brain health at Wausau library presentation](#)
Wausau Daily Herald
April 20

[Susan Patterson & James Patterson](#)
Isthmus
April 22

Media Arts

[Where to Eat and Drink During the Milwaukee Film Festival](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Through April 30

[Milwaukee Film Festival reveals full lineup for 2026](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
April 16 – 30

Also
[New Documentary 'Ueck' Will Be Shown at Milwaukee Film Festival](#)
Urban Milwaukee
April 16

[The Films Our Editors Are Most Excited to See at Milwaukee Film Festival 2026](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
April 16 – 30

Performing Arts

Music

[So many records, so little time - Record Store Day continues to make serious collectors of music fans](#)
Isthmus
April 18

Presenting

['Music at the Mill' kicks off with American Idol's Genevieve Heyward](#)
Stevens Point Journal
Begins May 26

[Chill on the Hill 2026 Line Up!](#)
Urban Milwaukee
June 9 – September 1

An evening with Luis Alberto Urrea
Isthmus
September 28

Theater/Opera

A teacher's intervention brought director back to world of theater
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
April 22 – May 17

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 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

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

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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