



**April 21, 2026**

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[National Poetry Month 30th Anniversary](#) | Academy of American Poets

[Jazz Appreciation Month](#) | Smithsonian Museum of American History

[National Library Week](#), **April 19 – 25** | [American Library Association](#)

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.” – Molière

“Is not the real experience of each individual very limited? And, if a writer dwells upon that solely or principally, is he not in danger of repeating himself, and also of becoming an egotist? Then, too, imagination is a strong, restless faculty, which claims to be heard and exercised: are we to be quite deaf to her cry, and insensate to her struggles? When she shows us bright pictures, are we never to look at them, and try to reproduce them? And when she is eloquent, and speaks rapidly and urgently in our ear, are we not to write to her dictation?” – Charlotte Brontë

“Memory is not just the imprint of the past time upon us; it is the keeper of what is meaningful for our deepest hopes and fears.” – Rollo May

“If you are sure you understand everything that is going on, you are hopelessly confused.” – Walter Mondale

## **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

Severe flooding doesn't stop debut of '& Juliet' musical at Janesville high school  
WKOW

April 23 – 26

Call for performers: Make Music Madison opens registration for 14th annual event  
NBC 15 | WMTV

Registration Deadline: June 1

2026 UWSP BA Senior Show Portfolios  
UW-Stevens Point College of Fine Arts & Communication  
Through May 1

Noah Kahan: Tiny Desk Concert  
NPR Music

The Company That Owns the Language of Color  
Design Docs

*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** Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry  
Wisconsin Arts Board

**DON'T FORGET** Succession Planning for Sustainability  
Arts Midwest  
April 22

### Upcoming Wisconsin Arts Board 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's Portrait of a Graduate  
WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction  
Various | April and May

Also

**NEW Portrait of a Graduate**

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

**Various | April and May**

*“Members of DPI’s project team are hosting in-person listening sessions across Wisconsin in Spring 2026. These sessions will provide opportunities to share perspectives, ask questions, and help shape the statewide Portrait of a Graduate. Find more full listening session dates and more information in this flyer.”*

[https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/families-students/WI\\_Portrait\\_of\\_a\\_Graduate\\_Listening\\_Sessions.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/families-students/WI_Portrait_of_a_Graduate_Listening_Sessions.pdf)

**Welcoming Amelia Schaezke to the Wisconsin Arts Board Staff!**

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**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*

**A jury declared Live Nation a monopoly. But ticket prices won't drop just yet**

*NPR*

**After the Live Nation Verdict, Will Ticket Prices Go Down? Well...**

*Variety*

**NEW Live Nation CEO Sentenced To 10 Years In Online Queue**

*The Onion*

**Join the Wisconsin Social Rx Ecosystem**

*Wisconsin Social Rx*

Also

**Social Prescribing in Wisconsin- Shared screen with speaker view**

*Wisconsin Social Rx + Social Rx, Zoom*

**Spotlighting Wisconsin - Saint Maud's**

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**Creative Copy | Fantastic Film**

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

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

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

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

[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](#).

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| <a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a><br><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 17, 2026](#)  
*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

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

[NEW Creative Industries Sector – Project Manager](#)  
*Arts & Culture Brown County*  
**Deadline: April 27**

[NEW Part-Time External Engagement Coordinator](#)  
*Lifetime Arts*  
**Deadline: April 27**

Executive Assistant  
*Arts Midwest*  
**Deadline: May 31**

Part-Time Faculty  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: May 31**

Part-Time Accompanist  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: June 30**

**NEW** School Programs Coordinator  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: Until Filled**

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

Director of Development and Communications  
*Jewish Family Services, Inc.*  
**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**

[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**

NEW You're Invited ... to share moments of Awe - And to participate in an asynchronous gathering around it

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore*

**April 24**

NEW Spring Conference

*Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries*

**April 27 - 29 | Elkhart Lake**

High School Students from Across Nation to Compete in Poetry Out Loud National Finals

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**April 28 – 29**

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**

Expand Your Creative Aging Knowledge and Practice in Just One Hour!

*Lifetime Arts*

**May 12 | Webinar**

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 National Forum on Education Policy](#)  
*Education Commission of the States*  
**July 8 – 10**

[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**

NEW Rooted in Community | 2026 Annual Conference  
*Wisconsin Library Association*  
**October 20 - 23 | Middleton**

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 psychologist designs children’s museum exhibit to help build social skills  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

A Time of Growth for Museums for Children  
*Art & Design | The New York Times*

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

City-Wide WE READ Youth Voices Writing Contest Returns May 1  
*City of Madison*  
**Deadline: June 30**

[Milwaukee Needs More Teachers –These Local Programs Might Make a Difference](#)  
*Milwaukee Magazine*

[Who wants to be the next UW system prez?](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research announces changes to better support UW–  
Madison’s research enterprise](#)  
*UW-Madison News*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[‘Social prescribing’ has doctors writing scripts for nature walks and art classes. It’s working.](#)  
*Upworthy*

## **Community Arts**

[April 2026](#)  
*Imagine MKE*

[\[PHOTOS\] PUT YER BACK INTO IT: The Chippewa Valley Tool Library's Open House](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Questions we have about the Madison Public Market](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Integrating a Community-Based Practice into Your Art](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Regalia circle helps tribal members shine with creativity](#)  
*New Media*

[Cranberry grower uses fruit to recruit](#)  
*Brownfield*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[New James and Susan Patterson book rooted in Wisconsin](#)  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Thomas Centolella | Cynthia Wanders My Neighborhood](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

[The 2026 Wisconsin Film Festival captivated committed crowds - Attendance increased despite bouts with weird weather](#)

*Isthmus*

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Lovell Ives, Packer Band director who made 'Go Pack Go' famous, dies](#)

*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

[Jacksonville musician loses car, merchandise in Wisconsin flash flood](#)

*My Journal Courier*

[Wisconsin Native Dalila Jane Turns a Moment into a Mood With "On An Island"](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

### Presenting

[Central Wisconsin's Grand Theater prepares for its next century with renovation rooted in memory](#)

*Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Live Nation settlement includes \\$8.9 million payment to customers for 'deceptive fees.' Are you eligible to file a claim?](#)

*Fast Company*

### Theater/Opera

[The Moment Leaders Must Break Away](#)

*Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman*

## Other

[The business of becoming - Any new business, project, program, or partnership is an open question in search of an answer.](#)

*ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor*

[How Nonprofits Can Close the Leadership Gap With Stronger Talent Strategies](#)

*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

['A gift of love': Community mural project connects Madison to Cambodia](#)

*The Capital Times*

**May 2**

['Mothers & Others Tea Party' coming to downtown in May](#)

*Point/Plover Metro Wire*

**May 9**

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Congressman Scott Fitzgerald Announces WI-05's 2026 Congressional Art Show](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**April 23 – 26**

[James and the Giant Peach](#)

*WEAU*

**April 24 – 26; 29 – 30, May 2 – 3**

## **Community Arts**

[Manitowoc Public Library lists story times and events this week](#)

*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

**This Week**

['A gift of love': Community mural project connects Madison to Cambodia](#)

*The Capital Times*

**May 2**

## **Media Arts**

[Archer's Agenda: Your Guide to the Second Week of the 2026 Milwaukee Film Festival](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**Through April 30**

Also

[The Milwaukee Film Festival Is Here!](#)

*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

**Through April 30**

[Rediscovering Wisconsin with forgotten poetry at the Milwaukee Film Festival](#)

*620WTMJ*

**April 21**

[Hollars & Dayton Honor The Kings \(And Queens\) Of Kubb](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**April 30**

## **Performing Arts**

## **Dance**

Wild Within | Cycropia Aerial Dance Studio

*Isthmus*

**April 24 – 26, May 1 - 2**

## **Music**

COMMUNITY FIRST: Eau Claire Male Chorus Spring Concert

*WEAU*

**May 1 – 2**

## **Presenting**

A tuba, a harp, a 'feisty' Superior night: Homegrown festival connects the Twin Ports with music

*Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio*

**April 26 – May 3**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

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 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**

[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**

[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**

[E.C. County Offering Roughly \\$250K In Nonprofit Support Grants](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Deadline: June 1**

**NEW** [Call for performers: Make Music Madison opens registration for 14th annual event](#)  
*NBC 15 | WMTV*  
**Registration 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**

[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**

**NEW** [City-Wide WE READ Youth Voices Writing Contest Returns May 1](#)  
*City of Madison*  
**Deadline: June 30**

[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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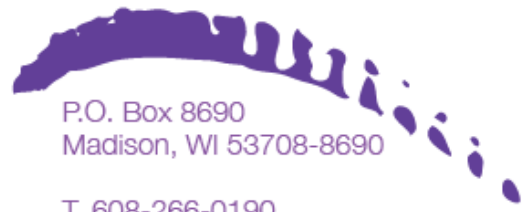
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