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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

“I don't think about art when I'm working. I try to think about life.” – Jean-Michel Basquiat

“The beauty one can find in art is one of the pitifully few real and lasting products of human endeavor.” – J. Paul Getty

“We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. We must remember always that accusation is not proof and that conviction depends upon evidence and due process of law. We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men — not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes that were, for the moment, unpopular. This is no time for men who oppose Senator McCarthy's methods to keep silent, or for those who approve. We can deny our heritage and our history, but we cannot escape responsibility for the result. There is no way for a citizen of a republic to abdicate his responsibilities. As a nation we have come into our full inheritance at a tender age. We proclaim ourselves, as indeed we are, the defenders of freedom, wherever it continues to exist in the world, but we cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.” – Edward R. Murrow

“Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent.” – Ludwig Wittgenstein

“If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine.” – Morris West

“Nothing is better than the unintended humor of reality.” – Steve Allen

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Poet Laureate Brenda Cárdenas 2026](#)

Beloit Public Library

[Two Milwaukee institutions team up for the first time | The Arts Page](#)

Milwaukee PBS

[Walkers Point, Milwaukee Full Episode | John McGivern's Main Streets](#)

John McGivern's Main Streets

[Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight Series | I Heart Art Studios](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Community Media

[Student Production | Spring 2026 | Cream City Comics: On the Break](#)

Milwaukee PBS

[Why Mister Rogers Still Matters Today | Full Documentary](#)

PBS Documentaries and PBS

[Infinity Song: Tiny Desk Concert](#)

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!

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

[National Endowment for the Arts Announces 2026 NEA National Heritage Fellows](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

NEW [Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Creative Copy | Poet Laureate Programs in Wisconsin](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

Upcoming Wisconsin Arts Board Grant Panel Meetings

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)

[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

[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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | April 24, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

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

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

[Executive Director](#)
Charles Allis Art Museum
Deadline: May 12

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

[Part-Time Faculty](#)
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: May 31

[Part-Time Accompanist](#)
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: June 30

[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

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

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!
World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

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

[\\$100 Million Award Made in Suit Over Unlicensed Robert Indiana Art](#)
The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Cheers To Chancellor Edwin Martini, UW-Eau Claire's Ninth Leader](#)
Volume One Magazine

Arts and Healthcare

[Museums and Medical Education: A Convening at the Intersection of Art and Care K](#)
Art Bridges

Application Deadline : June 10

Partner Profile Deadline: June 22

Folk Arts/Folklife

['Sending love her way': Folding money boats to remember departed loved ones](#)
Wisconsin Life

[23 Wisconsin sayings](#)
Up North News

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Eau Claire Library Marks 10th Year Of The Free 'Seed Library'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Book bans and culture wars came for libraries. They're still standing strong](#)
Salon

[Anders Carlson-Wee | Spirits](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[One City Talks about Death](#)
To The Best Of Our Knowledge | WPR

Performing Arts

Music

[Nedra Talley Ross, Last Surviving Member of the Ronettes, Dies at 80](#)
Variety

Theater/Opera

[Staging a Nation: 1776 and the Shared Story of America at 250](#)
National Endowment for the Arts Blog

[Metropolitan Opera's Partnership with The Saudi Music Commission is Canceled](#)
The Violin Channel

[Rumors of the Demise of Opera Have Been Greatly Exaggerated](#)
New York Sun

Also

[Douglas McLennan: Taking opera back from big tech](#)
Opera America

Other

[Don't Fall Into the Nonprofit AI Adoption Divide](#)
NonProfit Pro

[How 17 executives decide on conference sponsorships](#)
Fast Company Executive Board

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

['Streets of Old Milwaukee' comes alive one final time](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
May 2

Community Arts

[Whitewater Heritage 250 exhibit explores democracy through art, history and community voices](#)
Royal Purple
July 2 – 28

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Marathon County Public Library programs, youths](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Performing Arts

Theater/Opera

[FAITH, FAMILY & TRADITION: MTG Presents 'Fiddler on the Roof'](#)

Volume One Magazine

May 1 – 9

[Masquers stages 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at Capitol May 7-9](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

May 7 – 9

[cwACT presents Agatha Christie's 'A Murder Is Announced' May 7-10](#)

Stevens Point Journal

May 7 – 10

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

AUDITIONS for FST Outreach, Leading Ladies of Stage & Screen, and our April 2027 Symphonic Concert

Four Seasons Theatre

April 30

Wisconsin Education Association accepting submissions for annual art contest

WAOW

Deadline: May 1

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

RISCA Call for Artists: URI Ocean Robotics Laboratory

Rhode Island State Council on the Arts | Café

Deadline: May 26

NEW Call for Instructors - Management Training Series for the Museum Learning Hub

Association of Midwest Museums

Deadline: May 29

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

Call for performers: Make Music Madison opens registration for 14th annual event

NBC 15 | WMTV

Registration Deadline: June 1

NEW Museums and Medical Education: A Convening at the Intersection of Art and Care K

Art Bridges

Application Deadline : June 10
Partner Profile Deadline: June 22

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

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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