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

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Words make you think a thought. Music makes you feel a feeling. A song makes you feel a thought." – E. Y. Harburg

"Acting is not about being famous, it's about exploring the human soul." – Annette Bening

"I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what. You rarely win, but sometimes you do." – Harper Lee

"I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening." – Larry King

"The pen is mightier than the sword if the sword is very short, and the pen is very sharp." – Terry Pratchett

"Why does everybody stand up and sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" when they're already there?" – Larry Anderson

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[May streaming picks on PBS Passport](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Ebru - the mesmerizing Turkish water marbeling art](#)
TMJ4 Milwaukee

[SoundWaves: Astronomical Scale](#)
Wisconsin Institute for Discovery

["Gertrude Abercrombie: The Whole World is a Mystery"](#)
TMJ4 Milwaukee
Through July 19

[Spring Art Tour Returns May 15–17 | 31 Artists Across Driftless Region](#)
Judy Robb
May 15 – 17

[Greensky Bluegrass - Money For Nothing \(Dire Straits\) | live at Paste Studios 2/7/2020](#)
Paste Magazine

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

NEW [ArtsVote: Play by the Rules](#)
Americans for the Arts and The Arts Action Fund
April 29 | Webinar

NEW [Forum to focus on rural vs. urban Wisconsin](#)
The Sun Prairie Star
May 12 | Webinar

[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

[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
Through April 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

[This furniture designer and maker uses the element of surprise](#)
Madison Magazine

[Charles Allis Art Museum completes acquisition of Milwaukee mansion](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Trump's budget would gut local libraries and museums. Congress is not on board.](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review, Wisconsin Examiner

[Is A Random Unknown Artist More Valuable Than Picasso? AI Thinks So.](#)
ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

[WRAP-Teen Reception Celebrates Emerging Young Artists in Antigo](#)
Antigo Visual Arts

[\[PHOTOS\] Inaugural Asia Night Market Comes To UW-Eau Claire](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Live music fills downtown Eau Claire during the 59th annual Jazz Fest](#)
The Spectator | UW-Eau Claire

[UWM Faculty & Affiliates Publish New Works Across History, Culture, and Society](#)
History | UWM College of Letters & Science

[Meet some of our notable grads for spring 2026](#)
UW-Madison News

[UW–Madison's reach throughout Wisconsin adds up to \\$38.9 billion a year](#)
UW-Madison News

[UW-Madison announces \\$100 million gift, dean for new AI college](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Healthcare

[U-M launches comprehensive social prescribing initiatives](#)
The University Record | University of Michigan

Community Arts

[Dane Arts' fifth business conference centers community, healing](#)
The Capital Times

[Fondy Farmers Market seeks ideas to bring more events to historic space](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Giant Public Sculpture Coming to Mount Pleasant - Existing Hotel Room Tax to Fund Troll by Danish Recycle Artist Thomas Dambo](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Local couple gives antique European art a second life](#)

Madison Magazine

Folk Arts/Folklife

[The Colorful History of Haribo Goldbears, the World's First Gummy Bears](#)

History | Smithsonian Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[New book review collection written entirely by Wisconsin prisoners](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[Trump's budget would gut local libraries and museums. Congress is not on board.](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review, Wisconsin Examiner

[Kai Carlson-Wee | Blue Room](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Why Wisconsin's Gaming Culture Is More Than Just Retro Revivals](#)

PSXE

[Gen Z is suddenly spending more time in one place they used to ignore](#)

Fast Company

Performing Arts

Dance

[How Long Can Martha Graham's Dance Revolution Last?](#)

The New Yorker

Music

[National Endowment for the Arts Statement on National Medal of Arts Michael Tilson Thomas](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

[The Wisconsin musician known as the "Aretha Franklin of Kazoo"](#)

Up North News

[Milwaukee Jazz Institute drives growth, talent, and cultural impact across the city.](#)
Biz Spotlight | Milwaukee Business Journal

[\[PHOTOS\] Sewers & Space Cowboys? Abraxas Wax Hosts Toilet Rats & Garrett T. Capps](#)
Volume One Magazine

[The 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters](#)
The New York Times Magazine

Also
[How We Made the List of the 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters](#)
The New York Times Magazine

[Cast Your Vote for the Greatest Living American Songwriters](#)
The New York Times Magazine

Presenting

[Former Live Nation executive says he was fired after raising ‘financial misconduct’ concerns](#)
Los Angeles Times

[The Sphere Looked Like a Disaster. It’s Become a Huge Hit Instead.](#)
The Wall Street Journal

Theater/Opera

[Why I’m Optimistic About the Future of American Theater](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[‘Schmigadoon’s Secret Sauce: The Sincerity Is in the Sound](#)
American Theatre

Other

[Set course with ArtsManaged Compass - My new AI-fueled arts management thinking partner is now on-line](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[Want an Unrestricted Grant? Here Are 7 Ways to Stand Out to Funders.](#)
Philanthropy Today | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

[Satin Jazz: The Milwaukee County Historical Society Celebrates Duke Ellington's Birthday](#)

Urban Milwaukee

April 29

Also

[Milwaukee legend and Duke Ellington muse Satin Doll celebrated at show](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

April 29

Arts and Creativity in Education

[UW-Stevens Point music concerts set for May across three campuses](#)

Stevens Point Journal

Various | May

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: April 27-30, 2026](#)

Isthmus

Through April 30

[Fairs, festivals, concerts and performing arts](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[LWVNOW to host community conversations focused on America's founding](#)

Tomahawk Leader

May 7, 21

Media Arts

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

Milwaukee Magazine

Through April 30

[Experimental ensemble Wonderporium will play an original score for 'Strike' at Giant Jones as a lead-in to May Day](#)

Isthmus

May 1

[Live horror movie screening set in Downtown Kenosha May 3](#)

Kenosha News

May 3

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Air Supply tickets on sale in Lake Delton at Crystal Grand](#)

Ticket News

February 6, 2027

Theater/Opera

[Frida...A Self Portrait Becomes the Best-Selling Show in Milwaukee Rep's Studio](#)

[Theater History](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Through May 17

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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