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[Gov. Evers, Wisconsin Department of Tourism Celebrate
National Travel and Tourism Week | May 3 – 9](#)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No! Try not. Do. Or do not. There is no try." – Yoda

"The easiest way to avoid wrong notes is to never open your mouth and sing. What a mistake that would be." – Pete Seeger

"I don't think art is propaganda; it should be something that liberates the soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further. It celebrates humanity instead of manipulating it." – Keith Haring

"I was brought up to believe that there is no virtue in conforming meekly to the dominant opinion of the moment. I was encouraged to believe that simple conformity results in stagnation for a society, and that American progress has been largely owing to the opportunity for experimentation, the leeway given initiative, and to a gusto and a freedom for chewing over odd ideas." – Jane Jacobs

"The one thing that can solve most of our problems is dancing." – James Brown

"A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering cold iron." – Horace Mann

"Every time I paint a portrait I lose a friend." – John Singer Sargent

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Jerry Apps: Never Curse the Rain](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[UPFRONT: Center for Black Excellence and Culture opens Wed.](#)
WISN
May 6

[Opera Postcards from Madison - A Trip to the Library](#)
Madison Opera

[Amber Thomas gives us a tour of her studio | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

["If you don't practice, you're gonna suck." – Jason Kelse](#)
Rowan University, Facebook

[Build Me Up Buttercup" | UW-Madison 2025 Spring Commencement](#)
The MadHatters

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

[Spotlighting Wisconsin - Nā Hale Studios](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[National Endowment for the Arts Leaders Visit Western North Carolina May 5-6, 2026](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
May 5 – 6

[The Lieutenant Governor's Small Business Academy](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
May 5 – 7 | Virtual

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

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

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

[Wisconsin's Portrait of a Graduate](#)
WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction
Various | May

Also
[Portrait of a Graduate](#)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Various | 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

[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](#).

[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 | May 1, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Executive Director](#)

Charles Allis Art Museum

Deadline: May 12

[Controller](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadline: May 19

[President & CEO](#)

Madison Community Foundation

Deadline: May 29

[Executive Assistant](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadline: May 31

[Part-Time Faculty](#)

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: May 31

[Executive Director](#)

Springboard for the Arts | St. Paul, MN

Deadline: June 2

[Part-Time Accompanist](#)

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: June 30

[Director of Donor Engagement and Development](#)

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

Curatorial Internship

Miller Art Museum

Deadline: Until Filled

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

[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

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

Awe-some, Awe-filled April
The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain

[Residency Opportunities | May + June](#)
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | May + June

Community Arts

[Milwaukee hosts first official AAPI Heritage Month celebration as community marks 150 years](#)
Milwaukee Independent

[Appleton, Wisconsin, Is an Arts-Rich, Affordable Choice for Retirees](#)
Investopedia

[V1 VAULT | April 2016: Eau Claire's First 'Creative Economy Week'](#)
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Rachel Wetzsteon | On Leaving the Bachelorette Brunch](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Academy announces major overhaul to rules](#)
Culture | NPR

[SAG-AFTRA Reaches Tentative Deal on Studio Contract](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[15 Wisconsin artists and institutions that shaped American music](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Theater/Opera

[Tony Awards Predictions: 10 Burning Questions, From Scott Rudin's Return to Record-Breaking Noms for Laurie Metcalf, June Squibb and Danny Burstein](#)
Variety

Other

[In a system that funds outcomes, the arts are losing.](#)
Arts Leadership and Impact Brief, LinkedIn

Community Fundraising Events: How Unique Ideas Can Grow Your Donor Base
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

"America: A Wisconsin Perspective" Cedarburg Art Museum's Juried Exhibition
Cedarburg Chamber of Commerce
Through August 2 | Exhibition
May 16 | Opening reception

May Events at Lynden Sculpture Garden
Urban Milwaukee
Various | May

Arts and Creativity in Education

Biennial Music Festival
Milwaukee Public Schools
May 6 – 7

Also
Students prepare for Milwaukee Public Schools Biennial Music Festival
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
May 6 – 7

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: May 4-7, 2026
Isthmus
May 4 – 7

'A space that feels like us, that looks like us'
Isthmus
May 6

Also
Take a look inside Madison's Center for Black Excellence and Culture
Wisconsin State Journal

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Joy Harjo: Inhabiting Home on Earth](#)
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters
May 20

[Marathon County Public Library programs](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various | May

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Yuja Wang is coming to Madison](#)
The Well-Tempered Ear
April 10, 2027

Theater/Opera

[So Many World Premieres, So Little Time](#)
World Premiere Wisconsin
Various | May

OPPORTUNITIES

[Residency Opportunities | May + June](#)
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | May + June

[May 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)
Colossal
Various

[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

[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

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

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

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

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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

Small Works Open Call

Carnelian Art Gallery

Deadline: November 2026

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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