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May 5 - 6, 2026

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Democracy is the destiny of humanity; freedom its indestructible arm.” – Benito Juárez

“Printer’s ink has been running a race against gunpowder these many, many years. Ink is handicapped, in a way, because you can blow up a man with gunpowder in half a second, while it may take twenty years to blow him up with a book. But the gunpowder destroys itself along with its victim, while a book can keep on exploding for centuries.” – Christopher Morley

“I see it all perfectly; there are two possible situations — one can either do this or that. My honest opinion and my friendly advice is this: do it or do not do it — you will regret both.” – Søren Kierkegaard

“Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better.” Samuel Beckett

“Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead.” – Louisa May Alcott

“Develop interest in life as you see it; in people, things, literature, music --- the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.” – Henry Miller

“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.” – Lucius Annaeus Seneca

“I don't make music for eyes. I make music for ears.” – Adele

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Betsy Thunder sculpture installed in new Ho-Chunk garden](#)
WXOW

[Interview: Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra to present 'Maestro's Finale' this Saturday](#)
WEAU
May 9

[LOUD hosting two-day conference on Latino arts and culture](#)
NBC 15 | WMTV
May 14 – 15

[What to watch on PBS Wisconsin in May 2026](#)
PBS Wisconsin
Various | May

[27-member Madison dance troupe competes for 'America's Got Talent'](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Also

[Watch: Barrio Dance rehearses in their East Side studio](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Finding Home in Wisconsin: Perspectives from Academy Fellows](#)
Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

[Why Wynton Marsalis thinks jazz is the perfect metaphor for democracy](#)
PBS NewsHour

[Steely Dan's Don't Take Me Alive](#)
Steely Dane

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 PBS Wisconsin Director of Television Jon Miskowski has announced his retirement from the statewide public media organization](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[NEW Wisconsin Humanities, Arts Board launch program to help folk artists share traditions statewide](#)
Racine County Eye

[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

[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](#).

<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 | 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

[Milwaukee artist Muneer Bahauddeen's work in photos](#)

Obituary | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Children's Museum of Green Bay discussing potential relocation to Neville Public Museum](#)

WTAQ

[Old World Wisconsin begins 50th season, but a warmer welcome is coming](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Calling All Artists: Art in Harmony](#)

Harmonic Arts Initiative

Deadline: May 13

[Artists & artisans wanted for 9th annual Art & Chalk Fest at Museum of Wisconsin Art](#)

Washington County Insider

Deadline: June 1

[2027 Dane Arts Calendar & Poster Call for Art: The Treasures of Dane County](#)

Dane Arts

Deadline: June 8

[May's theme for The Art of Being Human: remembering, witnessing, being present](#)

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

Arts and Creativity in Education

[WI Arts & Creativity Newsletter: Vol 4, Issue 9 - May 2026](#)
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

[Westosha Central Student Wins Congressional Art Competition, Artwork To Be Displayed In U.S. Capitol](#)
Kenosha County Eye

[Blugolds organize flash mobs, part of “Dance Appreciation Class”](#)
WEAU

[Madison Area Technical College expands teacher training to rural Wisconsin students](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Business Finally Got It Right. Education Is Still Getting It Wrong.](#)
Bob Morrison

Arts and Healthcare

[“Art is not just something we enjoy, it is something our bodies respond to.”](#)
Susan Magsamen | LinkedIn

Folk Arts/Folklife

[How Cinco de Mayo Was Celebrated in the 1800s vs Today](#)
Mental Floss

Also

[5 Misconceptions About Cinco de Mayo That Americans Still Believe](#)
Mental Floss

[A Wisconsin decoy duck carver keeping a tradition alive](#)
TMJ4 Milwaukee

[WI remains No. 1 state for cranberries with 4.8M barrels in 2025](#)
WisBusiness

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Former New York Times Writer Jeff Oloizia to Launch “Writing Forward” Podcast](#)
Shepherd Express

[Luis J. Rodríguez | Cinco de Mayo](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[Western music is getting simpler and more repetitive by the day data show](#)
Phys.org

[General intelligence explains the link between math and music skills](#)
PsyPost

Presenting

[Madison celebrates a century of Breese Stevens Field](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Also
[Photos: Early years at Breese Stevens Field](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Summerfest in Milwaukee loses headliner as Pussycat Dolls cancel tour](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[IATSE Accuses Kennedy Center of Illegally Laying Off Workers Ahead of Trump Closure](#)
Yahoo!News, The Wrap

Theater/Opera

[Tony Nominations 2026: 'The Lost Boys,' 'Schmigadoon!' Dominate With 12 Nods](#)
Variety

Other

[The Ongoing Reinvention of Cultural Leadership](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[Reliable revenue in a project world - Episodic income is a central challenge of arts management practice](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes

[Never Waste a Good Crisis: Why, When & How to Hire an Interim Executive Director](#)
Blue Avocado

[Your Data Has 3 Seconds to Hook a Donor. Make Them Count.](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[How to Use AI for Donor Comms Without Losing Trust](#)
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

[Rainforest & Butterflies Greatest Hit Features Live Bug Encounters, Trivia Night and Guided Tours That Explore Vibrant Biodiversity of the Tropics](#)

Urban Milwaukee

May 7 - June 6

[Fluid Mechanics](#)

Tandem Press

May 8 – August 29 | Exhibition

May 8 | Reception

[Villa Louis: Opens May 20 with America 250 programs and debut of new book, 'An Elegant Edifice: The Women Who Foraged a Legacy at Villa Louis'](#)

WisBusiness

May 20

[MMoCA 125th Anniversary Party](#)

Isthmus

June 4

[The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show's 2025 Best of Show – read a Q&A with the winner](#)

PBS Wisconsin

September 10 – 12

Arts and Creativity in Education

["Fashion Framed" Takes the Runway This Friday](#)

Urban Milwaukee

May 8

[UW-Stevens Point festival brings music, food and fun to campus May 8](#)

Stevens Point Journal

May 8

Community Arts

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 7-10 in Stevens Point](#)

Stevens Point Journal

May 7 – 10

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 7-10 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

May 7 – 10

Oregon Community Calendar: May 7-17
The Oregon Observer
May 7 – 17

Impact100 Greater Wausau announces 2026 grant finalists
WSAW
May 18

Literary Arts/Libraries

Instrument ‘petting zoo experience’ to return to Onalaska Public Library
WEAU
May 9

Performing Arts

Music

Interview: Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra to present ‘Maestro’s Finale’ this Saturday
WEAU
May 9

Presenting

Q&A: Greg Marshall Shares How He Made His One-Man Show
Milwaukee Magazine
May 7

National Organists Competition Winner Comes to Town
Urban Milwaukee
May 8

The Music of Revolutionary America
Urban Milwaukee
May 9

Terra Papagalli: Land of Parrots – Brazilian Colonial Music Meets Contemporary Movement
Urban Milwaukee
May 29 – 30

Musical Variety Takes Center Stage at Lake Park Musical Mondays
Urban Milwaukee
Mondays | July 6 – August 24

Where to see Grand Oshkosh shows during the 16-month remodel
Oshkosh Northwestern
Season

Theater/Opera

INTERVIEW: Eau Claire Children's Theatre brings popular book to life
WEAU
May 9 - 10 | School House Rock Live Jr.
May 14 - 17 | To Kill a Mockingbird

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 Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant—Application Open](#)

Creative Capital for Artists

Deadline: May 6

NEW [Calling All Artists: Art in Harmony](#)

Harmonic Arts Initiative

Deadline: May 13

[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

NEW Artists & artisans wanted for 9th annual Art & Chalk Fest at Museum of Wisconsin Art

Washington County Insider

Deadline: June 1

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

NBC 15 | WMTV

Registration Deadline: June 1

NEW 2027 Dane Arts Calendar & Poster Call for Art: The Treasures of Dane County

Dane Arts

Deadline: June 8

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

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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