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May 7 – 8, 2026

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

*There will be no Wisconsin Arts News next week.
The next edition will arrive on Monday, May 18.*

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” – Abraham Lincoln

“With each passing day, I didn’t lose hope. I fought to have more.” – Amy Tan

“A deadline is negative inspiration. Still, it’s better than no inspiration at all.” – Rita Mae Brown

“There is really no way of considering a book independently of one’s special sensations in reading it on a particular occasion. In this as in everything else one must allow a certain relativity. In a sense, one can never read the book that the author originally wrote, and one can never read the same book twice.” – Edmund Wilson

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” – T.S. Elliot

“There are two ways to spread happiness; either be the light who shines it or be the mirror who reflects it.” – Edith Wharton

“Maturity is a high price to pay for growing up.” – Tom Stoppard

“Someone’s boring me. I think it’s me.” – Dylan Thomas

“Any mother could do the jobs of several air traffic controllers with ease.” – Lisa Alther

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Center for Black Excellence and Culture opens its doors](#)
Spectrum News 1

Also

[Alex Gee on sustaining Madison's Black community and culture](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Hundreds line up for first look at the Center for Black Excellence and Culture](#)
Isthmus

[Wisconsin dance group to perform in America 250 celebrations across the country](#)
Spectrum News 1

[In the 608: Inside look at the Carnelian Art Gallery in Madison](#)
Channel 3000 / News 3 Now

[How modern media production is engaging students in Wisconsin history](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Discovering the Art of Flow in Milwaukee | Mitchell Street Arts](#)
What's Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee

[UW-Milwaukee Percussion Festival Solo Piece "Window"](#)
dave schoepke

Also

[UW Milwaukee Percussion Festival 4-18-26](#)
dave schoepke

[KestheBand: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and Kes The Band

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 [Gov. Evers Celebrates \\$50 Million in Grants for 71 Community Development Projects Across the State, Urges State Building Commission to Approve Funds](#)
Office of Governor Tony Evers

NEW [DOGE's Termination of Humanities Grants Is Ruled Unconstitutional](#)
The New York Times

NEW [Spotlighting Wisconsin - The Acreage at Osceola](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Work, Sleep, Create, Repeat: The Midwest's Commitment to Creativity](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW [May 2026 Newsletter](#)
Americans for the Arts

NEW [A Mirror and a Map](#)
National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

*“A new interactive toolkit from the National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures offers data, resources, and insights to help Latinx/é arts organizations navigate post-2020 challenges and strengthen advocacy, funding, and long-term sustainability.” –
The Wallace Foundation*

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

[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 8, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Executive Director

Charles Allis Art Museum

Deadline: May 12

Controller

Arts Midwest

Deadline: May 19

NEW Associate Technical Director

Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center

Deadline: May 26

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

2026 WVCA Conference
Wisconsin Volunteers Coordinators Association
Through May 8

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

Expand Your Creative Aging Knowledge and Practice in Just One Hour!
Lifetime Arts
May 12 | Webinar

Forum to focus on rural vs. urban Wisconsin
The Sun Prairie Star
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 embraced public art, teaching youths](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

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

[2 suspects charged after unlawful entry to Eau Claire Children's Museum](#)
WEAU

[Milwaukee's Next Community Mural Is a School-Wide Effort](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[More Than Tours](#)
Woodson Wanderings | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

[Great Wisconsin Quilt Show accepting entries](#)
Price County Review
Deadline: June 30

[NASA Just Dropped More Than 12,000 Photos from the Artemis II Mission](#)
Colossal

Arts and Creativity in Education

[LMHS Music Students Perform at Capitol Conference Festival](#)
Lake Mills Leader Independent

[Watertown Board May Stop School Band From Playing Piece with LGBTQ+ Ties](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[33 Kenosha, Racine students to receive \\$500K in scholarships](#)
Kenosha News

[NEH Partners with Freedom 250 to Sponsor a National Student Art Competition on American Heroes](#)
National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: June 1

[Are trained tutors an answer to Madison's reading crisis?](#)
Isthmus

[The Beauty of Discovery - A new UW-Madison museum highlights the relationship between art and science.](#)
On Wisconsin

[UWSP design students create functioning apps using AI-powered coding](#)
WAOW

[Access and Utilization of Government Supports and Safety Nets Among Arts and Design Alumni](#)
SNAAPShots | Strategic National Arts Alumni Project

[The Founding Disciplines - A New Series Begins May 11](#)
Bob Morrison

Arts and Healthcare

[It's Never Too Late to Learn an Instrument](#)

The Atlantic

Community Arts

[The Center for Black Excellence and Culture opens its doors](#)

Spectrum News 1

[Thomas Dambo Is Bringing a New Giant Troll to Wisconsin](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[2025 Report: Inclusive Creative Economy Strategy](#)

Upstart Co-Lab

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Library branch, self-storage planned for former Midtown Center Walmart store building](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

[Rabindranath Tagore | On the Seashore](#)

Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

[Phillis Wheatley | On Imagination](#)

Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Beloit-wood? Movie projects with Beloit ties churn forward](#)

Beloit Daily News

[Milwaukee Film Festival Grows, But Still Far From Pre-COVID Peak](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Also

[Milwaukee Film Festival Sees an Increase in Attendance](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

[Manitowoc North Breakwater Lighthouse virtual tour: A digital voyage through history](#)

PBS Wisconsin

[For Public Radio, Programmatic Advertising Is More Important Than Ever.](#)

Inside Radio

Performing Arts

Music

[‘All I have to do is dream’: Remembering iconic songwriters Felice and Boudleaux Bryant](#)

Wisconsin Life

Presenting

[Landmark Live Now 100% Union Represented](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Milwaukee World Festival, Inc. and American Family Insurance Announce Sponsorship Renewal & Reveal House Lineup](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Theater/Opera

[Daniel Radcliffe's 'Every Brilliant Thing' Recoups \\$5.75 Million Broadway Investment](#)

Variety

Other

[Leading Creatively Newsletter \(May 4 - 10, 2026\)](#)

Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[Making Sense of Digital Media Attribution](#)

NonProfit Pro

[Gen Z Gives Money and Time. Here’s How and Why to Engage Them.](#)

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

[Reflecting: Wisconsin’s Women Metalsmiths at RAM](#)

Racine Art Museum

May 13 – August 29

[Hold Your Horses, Grove Gallery’s “Max Went West: An American Tale III” Opens Soon, Featuring Woodcut Prints By Max Hautala](#)

Urban Milwaukee

May 22 | Opening Reception

May 22 – June 20 | Exhibition

[Annual Outdoor Art Show](#)
Plumb Bottom Gallery
May 23 – 24 | Show
May 24 | Artist Reception

[Artdose Projects Participates in Door County Contemporary Art Fair](#)
Artdose
June 4 – 7

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Hmong American Peace Academy highlights Hmong culture through theater](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
May 8 – 9

[Young artists to perform live at Milwaukee showcase](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
May 15

[Events](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
Various

[Events Calendar | Arts](#)
UW-Madison
Various

[Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events](#)
UW-Superior
Various

Community Arts

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

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

[What to do in Madison this weekend: May 7-10, 2026](#)
Isthmus
Through May 10

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: May 7-10](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through May 10

[Oregon Community Calendar: May 7-17](#)
The Oregon Observer
Through May 17

[Annual Gays Mills Folk Festival set for Mother's Day weekend](#)
WXOW
May 8 – 10

[It's All About Moms This Weekend](#)
Urban Milwaukee
This Weekend

[15 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

[Things to do in Milwaukee this weekend, including Mother's Day events](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
This Weekend

[Area events, shows fill schedules in southeast Wisconsin](#)
Kenosha News
Various

[Arts Events](#)
La Crosse Local
Various

[Arts](#)
Madison Magazine
Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

[Third Ward Moon Festival](#)
Historic Third Ward
August 7 – 9

Also
[23-Foot-Wide Moon Will Hover Over Third Ward](#)
Urban Milwaukee
August 7 – 9

Literary Arts/Libraries

[A romance bookstore on wheels is taking a road trip across Wisconsin](#)
Up North News
Various | May & June

Media Arts

['Winter Hymns' run at Flix Brewhouse is extended - The extended run for 'Winter Hymns' at Flix is just the beginning.](#)
Isthmus
Through May 13

Performing Arts

Music

[The MSO Gets Reflective With Copland & Twain for America's 250th](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
May 8 – 10

Presenting

[Event Schedule](#)
Historic Elkhorn Bandshell Restoration
May 8 - October 31

[Levitt AMP Green Bay Music Series announces 2026 lineup](#)
WBAY
May 31 - August 9 | Sundays

[Waukesha to host inaugural GuitarTown Music Festival: A celebration of Les Paul and original music](#)
Milwaukee Record
June 13

[Multi-platinum artist Martina McBride to perform at the Meyer Theatre](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com
October 1

Theater/Opera

[INTERVIEW: Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild puts on "Grumpy Old Men"](#)
WEAU
May 7 – 10

[Theatre Gigante presents: Sakeshvili – The People's Democratic Circus](#)
Theatre Gigante
June 5 – 13

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

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 NEH Partners with Freedom 250 to Sponsor a National Student Art Competition on American Heroes

National Endowment for the Humanities

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

NEW Great Wisconsin Quilt Show accepting entries

Price County Review

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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