

# WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



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**May 20, 2026**

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together.” – John Ruskin

“I wish that all of nature’s magnificence, the emotion of the land, the living energy of place could be photographed.” – Annie Leibovitz

“Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.” – Aldous Huxley

“He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.” – John Stuart Mill

“I went into a clothes store and a lady came up to me and said, “If you need anything, I’m Jill.” I’ve never met anyone with a conditional identity before.” – Demetri Martin

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Staff at American Players Theatre ‘elated’ to receive Regional Theatre Tony Award](#)  
*NBC 15 | WMTV*

["Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None" | Scenic Load-In](#)  
*Milwaukee Rep*  
**May 26 – June 28**

Also

["Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None" | Conversation with Costume](#)

Designer Alexander Tecoma  
*Milwaukee Rep*  
**May 26 – June 28**

Nathalie Joachim - Ki moun ou ye (Official Video)  
*Nathalie Joachim*

Also  
Present Music Presents: Nathalie Joachim  
*UWM Peck School of the Arts*  
**June 5**

How an Artist Translates Dreams into Objects  
*Madison Museum of Contemporary Art*  
**Through August 30**

CHOIR! of 2500 sings "ANGEL" with Sarah McLachlan  
*Choir! Choir! Choir!*

RaiNao: 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](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** Wisconsin Historical Society: Engage with history during America's 250th Anniversary year at the Wisconsin Historical Society's History Maker Space this summer  
*WisPolitics*  
**This Summer**

**NEW** In it to win it: Register to bid in PBS Wisconsin's 2026 online Auction  
*PBS Wisconsin*  
**June 1 – 10**

**NEW** Military Families Receive Free Admission This Summer at Participating Blue Star Museums 2026  
*National Endowment for the Arts*  
**Through September 7**

**NEW** Gov. Evers Announces State Building Commission Approves Approximately \$248 Million for Local Infrastructure Improvement and Community Development Projects Across

Wisconsin

*Officer of Governor Tony Evers*

**NEW** Spotlighting Wisconsin | Oshkosh Chamber Singers

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** Creative Copy | Art Fairs & Festivals

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**NEW** Work, Sleep, Create, Repeat: The Midwest's Commitment to Creativity

*Arts Midwest*

**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](#).

<a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>
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[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**

[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**

NEW Community and Patron Engagement Specialist

*The Young Performing Arts Center | UW-Whitewater*

**Deadline: June 9**

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**

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

*American Alliance of Museums*  
**May 20 - 23 | Philadelphia**

**NEW** Guild Essentials Series.- The State of Teaching Artistry: Realities and Possibilities

*National Guild for Community Arts Education*  
**May 26 | Virtual**

2026 AAAE Conference

*Association of Arts Administration Educators*  
**May 28 – 31 | 2026, Boston, MA**

**NEW** Major Gift Fundraising: What You Need to Know Now

*COP Connect | The Chronicle of Philanthropy*  
**June 2 | Virtual**

Shape the future. Organize for Impact

*AFTACON 2026, Americans for the Arts*  
**June 2 – 5 | Albuquerque, NM**

**NEW** National Guild for Community Arts Education - Essentials Series: Navigating the Tension Between Money and Mission

*National Guild for Community Arts Education*  
**June 10 | Virtual**

**NEW** Safeguarding Your Artistic Practice Webinar

*CERF+*  
**June 10 | Virtual**

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

**Application Deadline: June 10**

An informational document may be found here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:0e9c8c13-dfa5-48ad-a076-36b1f575e340?viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

**NEW** 2026 Annual Spring Workshop

*Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras*  
**June 13 - 14 | Madison**

[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**

**NEW** [2026 LEAD Conference](#)  
*Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability*  
**August 11 | Capacity Building Workshops**  
**August 12 - 14 | Conference**

[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**

## **NEW NOAHCON**

*National Organization for Arts in Health*

**October 11 - 13 | Rochester, NY**

**October 28 | Virtual Day**

## **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**

#### **'Mr. Baseball' Mural Will Overlook East Town**

*Urban Milwaukee*

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

*Washington County Insider*

**Deadline: June 1**

#### **Dirtbag Artist in Residence Program**

*Tooth & Nail Studio*

**Deadline: June 10**

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## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Composer Omar Thomas conducts his censored work in Watertown, Wis., TONIGHT](#)  
*The Well-Tempered Ear*

**May 20**

Also

[Watertown students skip banned piece, but composer will conduct a performance](#)

**May 20**

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

**May 20**

[The Lessons of Watertown](#)

*Murphy's Law | Urban Milwaukee*

[Opinion | The Wisconsin school board hell-bent on erasing history](#)

*The Capital Times*

[UWM art education alum recognized nationally for impact in skilled trades education](#)

*All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin*

[UW Board of Regents Leader Defends Rothman Firing](#)

*Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio*

[Opinion | College basketball player outearns UW president by millions](#)

*The Capital Times*

[From UW-Eau Claire To 'The Office,' 'What We Do In The Shadows' & More](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

## **Community Arts**

[Third Madison Latino culture conference fosters connection](#)

*The Capital Times*

[Wisconsin Rural Partners Summit stresses collaboration to achieve success](#)

*Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Swiss Center of North America awarded state grant for New Glarus Glarner Community Complex](#)

*The Monroe Times*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Kenosha teen services librarian gets national recognition for community impact](#)

*Kenosha News*

[New Richmond Community Library earns \\$800,000 state grant](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

[Unearth a Story during Summer Reading at FDL Public Library](#)

*KFIZ*

**June 1 – August 16**

## **Media Arts**

[NPR trims jobs in newsroom overhaul as it confronts era without public funding](#)

*All Things Considered | NPR*

## **Performing Arts**

[Going to a show in Chicago? Be prepared to hand over your phone till it's over](#)

*WBEZ Chicago*

## **Music**

[\[PHOTOS\] CVSO Concludes Season, Honors Nobuyoshi Yasuda In 'Maestro's Finale'](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

[Wisconsin Originals: Grammy award winning Al Jarreau has Milwaukee roots](#)

*America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal*

## **Presenting**

[Luke Combs Surprises Young Boys At Wisconsin Lemonade Stand](#)

*B105*

[Wisconsin Center District's Plan to Expand Convention the Miller High Life Theatre](#)

*Shepherd Express*

## **Theater/Opera**

[American Players Theatre in Spring Green receives Tony Award](#)

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

Also  
[American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin to Receive The 2026 Regional Theatre Tony Award](#)  
*70<sup>th</sup> Tony Awards*

## Other

[5 Mindset Shifts That Overcome Nonprofit Board Fundraising Reluctance](#)  
*NonProfit Pro*

[Meet the AAPI Artists, Chefs, and Organizers Shaping the Midwest](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

## 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

[Milwaukee Brewers Reveal “South Side En La Hora Magica” Community Mural on South Side of Milwaukee](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**May 20**

["Naturally Wisconsin" | John Lockwood](#)  
*Isthmus, Photo Midwest*  
**May 23 – June 27**

[Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival Returns to June 19-27 in Monona](#)  
*Fox 47 | WMSN*  
**June 19 – 27**

## Community Arts

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 21-25 in Stevens Point](#)  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**May 21 – 25**

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 21-25 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)  
*Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*  
**May 21 – 25**

[Your guide to Memorial Day weekend events in Manitowoc](#)  
*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*  
**This Weekend**

[Oregon Community Calendar: May 21-31](#)  
*The Oregon Observer*  
**May 21 – 31**

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Spend An Evening With David Sedaris At The Pablo Center](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**October 18**

### **Media Arts**

[MyAmerica@250: Dodgeville!](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*  
**June 3**

[MyAmerica@250: Eau Claire](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*  
**June 9, 10**

### **Performing Arts**

#### **Presenting**

[Lineup announced for Wausau's Concerts on the Square free music series](#)  
*AOL.com, Wausau Daily Herald*  
**Wednesdays | June - August**

[Copper Box](#)  
*Jensen Community Performing Arts*  
**June 19**

[MEGADETH to perform at unique Green Bay venue](#)  
*WeAreGreenBay.com*  
**August 1**

#### **Theater/Opera**

[40 free Shakespeare performances in Milwaukee, state parks in 2026](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**Season**

### **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**

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**

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**

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

*National Endowment for the Humanities*

**Deadline: June 1**

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

*Dane Arts*

**Deadline: June 8**

**NEW** Live Mural Painting Contest

*TRUE Skool*

**Deadline: June 8**

**NEW** Dirtbag Artist in Residence Program

*Tooth & Nail Studio*

**Deadline: June 10**

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**

**NEW ANNOUNCING:** New Commission Opportunity Worth up to \$100,000 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
*CODAworx*  
**Deadline: June 15**

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**

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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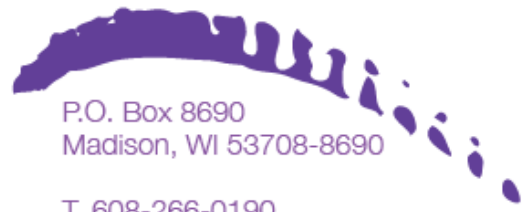
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