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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Nobody is bored when he is trying to make something that is beautiful, or to discover something that is true.” – William Inge

“You can’t sit around and wait for somebody to say who you are. You need to write it and paint it and do it” – Faith Ringgold

“I have come to believe ... that the stage may do more than teach, that much of our current moral instruction will not endure the test of being cast into a lifelike mold, and when presented in dramatic form will reveal itself as platitudinous and effete. That which may have sounded like righteous teaching when it was remote and wordy, will be challenged afresh when it is obliged to simulate life itself.” – Jane Addams

“The road to wisdom? — Well, it’s plain and simple to express: Err and err and err again but less and less and less.” – Piet Hein

“A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.” – Alexander Pope

“As long as the world is turning and spinning, we’re gonna be dizzy and we’re gonna make mistakes.” – Mel Brooks

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Brewers unveil new community mural on Milwaukee's south side](#)
WISN

[The History of Pullman Porters](#)
Black Nouveau | Milwaukee PBS

[Hmong 50th: Home in Wisconsin](#)
Milwaukee PBS

["Burning Down The House" - David Byrne feat. Stephen Colbert \(LIVE on The Late Show\)](#)
The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

[Henry Mancini - Baby Elephant Walk \(Best Of Both Worlds, October 4th 1964\)](#)
Henry Mancini

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 [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Aldo Leopold Community School](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Save America's Treasures Grants](#)
Historic Preservation Fund | National Park Service
Deadline: June 16

NEW [The Vanguard Award](#)
Remuseum
Deadline: June 22

"Remuseum announces The Vanguard, an award and accelerator for innovative leaders in the visual and performing arts, in partnership with the Doris Duke Foundation. The Vanguard's \$100,000 annual award will recognize up to ten leaders who are exploring new ways to strengthen arts institutions, and a year-long accelerator will help them refine, implement, and evaluate their ideas. The first award and accelerator of its kind, The Vanguard celebrates leaders who are ready to center the public in their work in new ways, building models for increased relevance and sustainability in the arts."

NEW [Creative Labor, Creative Conditions - A National Campaign to Shift the Valuation of the Arts](#)
Doris Duke Foundation
Through September

Also

[**NEW** Creative Labor, Creative Conditions: Why Centering Artists as Thought Leaders and Changemakers Matters](#)

Doris Duke Foundation

[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

[Creative Copy | Art Fairs & Festivals](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

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

Arts Midwest

[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

[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](#).

<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 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

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

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!

American Alliance of Museums

Through May 23 | Philadelphia

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

America's Invitation | Share Your Story

America 250

Deadline: Before July 4, 2026

Military Families Receive Free Admission This Summer at Participating Blue Star Museums 2026

National Endowment for the Arts
Through September 7

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

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

In it to win it: Register to bid in PBS Wisconsin's 2026 online Auction

PBS Wisconsin
June 1 – 10

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

[See the 2026 Mayor's Design Awards Winners](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Dispatches from Philly | Woodson Wanderings](#)
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

[Jackson Pollock painting sells for record-breaking \\$181 million after a 7-minute bidding war at Christie's](#)
DesignTAXI

Arts and Creativity in Education

['A Mother of A Revolution!' composer conducts piece in Watertown](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio

Also
[Four Key Developments in the Watertown High School Band Controversy](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Milwaukee Jazz Institute Ensemble Earns Honor in Prestigious Downbeat Student Music Awards](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[How culture and arts education shapes global citizenship](#)
UNESCO

[Dr. Clayborn Benson III](#)
Milwaukee Community Journal

[Wisconsin Launches New Hub for Live Entertainment at Badger Venues](#)
Wisconsin Badgers

Arts and Healthcare

[This 3-Minute Video Game Is Surprisingly Good at Spotting Depression](#)
Health | Gizmodo

[How We Bond Through Music](#)
Everyday Magic | Psychology Today (Canada)

Community Arts

[Imagine MKE Announces Initial Action Plan to Position Local Arts and Culture Sector for Long-Term Success](#)
Imagine MKE

Also
[Imagine MKE Announces Plan for Local Arts Funding](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Latino artists from across the Midwest converge for LOUD's 3rd annual Latino Arts Conference](#)
Madison365

[Community Voices: Tears at the Pig Reflect Gratitude for the Gift of Music](#)
Door County Pulse

[This year's list of endangered historic places focuses on equality and erasure](#)
Morning Edition | NPR

Folk Arts/Folklife

[See Chinese lion dance and more at Titledown's AAPI celebration](#)
Green Bay Press-Gazette

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Oshkosh Public Library unveils new teen zone and "Makerspace"](#)
NBC 26

[De Soto Public Library friends group seeking board members](#)
Vernon Reporter

[Writer-In-Residence Application](#)
ArtRoot

Deadline: June 12

[Adam Falkner | Correct the Record, Can We?](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[New documentary explores legacy of greatest artist born in Wisconsin](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Performing Arts

Music

[The Griffon String Quartet](#)
Midday Classics with Norman Gilliland | Wisconsin Public Radio

[\[PHOTOS\] Benefitting The Blues: 14th Annual Beatles on the Chippewa](#)
Volume One Magazine

Presenting

[Ticketmaster's monopoly verdict opens the door to real reform](#)
The Hill

Also

['Sweetheart Deal': Lawmakers Slam Live Nation's DOJ Settlement & Urge Ticketmaster Breakup](#)
Billboard

Theater/Opera

[Broadway Box Office: 'Death of a Salesman,' 'Every Brilliant Thing' Reach New Highs](#)
The Hollywood Reporter

Other

[Why Data Hygiene Is the Most Underrated Fundraising Strategy in 2026](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Data Visuals That Wow: 5 Easy Ways to Show Impact](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Mergers Can Save Nonprofits. Here's How to Get One Right.](#)
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

[TAG | Street Art Exhibition & Fundraiser](#)
Trout Museum of Art
August 10 – 28

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Wausau Conservatory of Music to present Marathon County Head Start with books for students](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
May 26

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: May 21-24, 2026

Isthmus

May 21 – 24

14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: May 21-25

Milwaukee Magazine

May 21 – 25

Wisconsin Korean War Veterans Memorial Ceremony is June 7 in Plover

Stevens Point Journal

June 7

Literary Arts/Libraries

Reading: A Homecoming Farewell

Milwaukee Magazine

May 22 – 24

Free kids' dance camp coming to Oshkosh library this summer

Oshkosh Northwestern

June 8, 15, 22

Manitowoc Public Library plans used book sale and more events

AOL.com, Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Various

Media Arts

Mobile Madison

Isthmus

June 15, 16, 17

“Beacons of Brew City” Documentary Debuts June 16 in Milwaukee

Urban Milwaukee

June 16

Performing Arts

Music

PianoArts Competition Spotlights Best Of North America

Urban Milwaukee

May 27 – June 2

Presenting

LEFT OF CENTER: Eaux Claires Fest Organizers Host Pre-Game Press Conference

Volume One Magazine
July 24 – 25

Also
[“Eaux Claires” festival founder speaks at Carson Park](#)
WEAU
July 24 – 25

Theater/Opera

[Theater troupe to stage ‘The Wedding Singer’](#)
Wausau Pilot & Review
June 4 – 6

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

NEW Writer-In-Residence Application

ArtRoot

Deadline: June 12

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

NEW Save America's Treasures Grants
Historic Preservation Fund | National Park Service
Deadline: June 16

CALL FOR ARTISTS: The Community Mosaic Project
The Hardy Gallery
Deadline: June 21

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Remuseum
Deadline: June 22

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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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