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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

May 26, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The dancer's body is simply the luminous manifestation of the soul.” – Isadora Duncan

“Fine art is knowledge made visible.” – Gustave Courbet

“Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting.” – Edmund Burke

“Art is not science. Even when art is about science, it is still art. There cannot be consensus, in the sense that science strives for meaningful consensus. And unlike science, art is not progressive. Personally, I have my doubts that science can be said to be genuinely progressive, but I'm pretty dammed certain that art is not. Which is not to say that it is not accumulative or accretionary. But the belief that sf writers are out there forecasting the future, that they have some social responsibility to do so, that's malarky, if you ask me.”
– Caitlín R. Kiernan

“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.” – Mother Teresa

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.” – Mark Twain

“I went into a clothing store, and the lady asked me what size I was. I said, 'Actual'. I'm not to scale.” – Demetri Martin

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Milwaukee students design their own shoes, step-by-step](#)
CBS 58 | WDJT

[Green Bay's Secret Weapon: The Community Foundation](#)
The Green Bay Way

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

[Trojan Talks Ep. 9: President Kim with Assal Habibi](#)
USC | University of Southern California

[Annahstasia: 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!

TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

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

[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](#).

[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 22, 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

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

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

Creative Labor, Creative Conditions - A National Campaign to Shift the Valuation of the Arts
Doris Duke Foundation
Through September

Also
Creative Labor, Creative Conditions: Why Centering Artists as Thought Leaders and Changemakers Matters
Doris Duke Foundation

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

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

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

National Guild for Community Arts Education - Essentials Series: Navigating the Tension Between Money and Mission
National Guild for Community Arts Education
June 10 | Virtual

Safeguarding Your Artistic Practice Webinar
CERF+
June 10 | Virtual

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>

2026 Annual Spring Workshop
Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras
June 13 - 14 | Madison

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

2026 National PTA Convention
National PTA
June 18 – 21 | Pittsburgh, PA

[International Thespian Festival](#)
Educational Theatre Association
June 21 – 26 | Bloomington, IN

[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.”

[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 & 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

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

[New Downtown Art Banners Installed in Antigo](#)

Antigo Visual Arts

[Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Watertown nearly as big as wall in Washington, D.C.](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Friedman Alley Murals - Thomas Press Walls - RFP](#)

City of Waukesha

Deadline: June 5

[Wisconsin Originals: Iconic architect and designer Frank Lloyd Wright a Wisconsin native whose designs are world famous](#)

America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Two Wisconsin Students Will Compete at Scripps National Spelling Bee](#)

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

[Sevastopol leads local success at Destination Imagination Globals](#)

Door County Daily News

[SUCCESS STORY: The Power of Partnership: Sustaining Arts Integration](#)

Arts Education Partnership

[The Philosophical Foundations: Why Every Major Tradition Required Music](#)

Bob Morrison

[The Enrollment Cliff Is Here. Which Schools Will Survive It?](#)

The New Yorker

Community Arts

[Pablo Foundation Awards \\$596K To Regional Orgs & Initiatives](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Wisconsin Center District CEO defends hotel study amid board tensions](#)

Milwaukee Business Journal

[Ferry Over to This Hidden Wisconsin Island For a Lavender Farm, Beaches, and Scandinavian History](#)

Midwest Living

[Artists Build Cities, Cities Fail Artists: The Extraction Economy Behind Creative Cities |](#)

[Emily Marks](#)

LinkedIn

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Stephen "Steve" Marco Miller](#)
Obituaries | Channel3000.com

Literary Arts/Libraries

[John Masefield | On Growing Old](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Performing Arts

Dance

[Dance Gets a League of Its Own: 'This Is Our Sport'](#)
The New York Times

Music

[2026 WAMI Award Winner | Performer - Classical & New Age](#)
Oconomowoc Chamber Orchestra

[Sonny Rollins, Jazz's 'Saxophone Colossus,' Dies at 95](#)
Variety

Also

[Sonny Rollins, Giant of the Jazz Saxophone, Is Dead at 95](#)
The New York Times

[The Guardian view on 100 years after Miles Davis's birth: why he still shapes modern music](#)
Editorial | The Guardian

Other

[The two jobs of nonprofit boards - Governance is strange and sprawling work, but it only has two primary parts.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[The Problem With Measuring Success](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[15 Questions to Diagnose Weaknesses in Your Fundraising Copy](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Strategic Planning In Nonprofits : Connecting Priorities, Operations and Decision-Making](#)
LinkedIn

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

[Baraboo's Circus World Museum Trades in Old-School Weird](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Open for the Season

[JK Art House Grand Opening Reception](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

June 5

[Lisa A. Frank: Artist's Reception](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

June 6 | Artist's Reception

June 6 – July 11 | Exhibition

[Chalkfest Returns With A Wide Spectrum Of Hues, Local Artistry](#)

Volume One Magazine

August 1

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Performance of banned Watertown song moving from Minocqua Brewing to Barrymore](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

May 28

Community Arts

[Milwaukee Brewers Announce Wisco Pop-Up Series Embracing Community Events Across the State](#)

Urban Milwaukee

June 20 | Lake Geneva

July 10 | Madison

July 24-25 | Eau Claire

August 1 | Appleton

[Isthmus' 2026 summer festival calendar](#)

Isthmus

Various | Summer

Folk Arts/Folklife

Menominee Pageant partners with Smithsonian
NEW Media
July 29

Media Arts

Towne Cinema screening 'Creature Fear' for one night only
GazetteXtra
May 27

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

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

NEW Friedman Alley Murals - Thomas Press Walls - RFP

City of Waukesha

Deadline: June 5

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

Dane Arts

Deadline: June 8

Live Mural Painting Contest

TRUE Skool

Deadline: June 8

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

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

ANNOUNCING: New Commission Opportunity Worth up to \$100,000 in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin

CODAworx

Deadline: June 15

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

[The Vanguard Award](#)

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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