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May 27, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The world is put back by the death of everyone who has to sacrifice the development of his or her peculiar gifts to conventionality.” – Florence Nightingale

“The artist discards all theories, both his own and those of others. He forgets everything when he is in front of his canvas.” – Georges Rouault

“Everybody has talent, it’s just a matter of moving around until you’ve discovered what it is.” – George Lucas

“Like the wind crying endlessly through the universe, Time carries away the names and the deeds of conquerors and commoners alike. And all that we are, all that remains, is in the memories of those who cared we came this way for a brief moment.” – Harlan Ellison

“Commencement speeches were invented largely in the belief that outgoing college students should never be released into the world until they have been properly sedated.” – Garry Trudeau

“Self-delusion is pulling in your stomach when you step on the scales.” – Paul Sweeney

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Longtime D.C. #Everest #music #teacher retires on a high note](#)
WSAW

[Showcase brings contemporary art to Metro Market](#)
Fox 6 Milwaukee
May 30

[Eau Claire documentary celebrates 50 years of Hmong resettlement](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Central Wisconsin Children's Museum accepting used craft supply donations in an effort to reduce waste](#)
WSAW

[Remembering the remarkable life of jazz legend Sonny Rollins](#)
PBS NewsHour

[Norah Jones - Thinking About You - Live at Home](#)
Norah Jones All A Dream

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 [Announcing the Winners of the 2025-2026 Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
June 15

NEW [Mental Health | Creative Copy #31](#)
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](#).

<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 22, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[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

[NEW Senior Marketing Manager](#)
Marcus Performing Arts Center
Deadline: June 19

[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

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

NEW Annual Convening

Arts Education Partnership
September 1 - 4 | Jacksonville, FL

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

[Remembering Muneer Bahauddeen](#)

Arts@Large

[Portage County artist creates monument honoring Polish general](#)

WSAW

[Brewers unveil community mural at Paleteria Yayo](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Tiles Workshop Expands Turkish Mosaic Lamp Workshops to Colorado, North Carolina and Wisconsin](#)

USA Today

[American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Hub Mural](#)

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation

Deadline: June 26

[Fee or free? How entry charges affect museums in the US](#)

The Art Newspaper

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Heywood Music Studios students recognized during awards ceremony](#)

Stevens Point Journal

[Wisconsin DPI asking residents what they want from graduates](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[Changing of the Guard Announced at Inspire Wisconsin](#)

WHBL

Community Arts

['Afterlight' Fundraiser Brought Audio-Visual Collaborations By Local Musicians, Artists](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Downtown dog park, Bronzeville book store among Mayor's Design Awards](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[Mayor's Design Awards Honor Milwaukee Projects \(Video\)](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Wisconsin Persian Gulf Tribute offers place to honor, educate and heal](#)
Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Fourteen Fellows Selected for 2026 NALAC Leadership Institute](#)
NALAC | National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin-born artist selected to create outdoor sculpture for Madison's first park-based library](#)
WKOW

[Volunteer receives award for distinguished Service to L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library](#)
WEAU

[Julia Ward Howe | The House of Rest](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Eau Claire documentary celebrates 50 years of Hmong resettlement](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Performing Arts

Dance

[What the Doris Duke Foundation's Ashley Ferro-Murray Sees Missing From the Dance Funding Landscape](#)
Dance Magazine

Music

[National Endowment for the Arts Statement on the Death of NEA Jazz Master and National Medal of Arts Recipient Sonny Rollins](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[The unifying and healing powers of music](#)
The Larry Meiller Show | Wisconsin Public Radio

Presenting

T-Mobile and Summerfest Reveal Details on Community Ticket Giveaways, Debut of Club Magenta in Milwaukee and More

Urban Milwaukee

Not Fired, At Least Yet. Board Keeps Discussing Marty Brooks' Future

Urban Milwaukee

Theater/Opera

How Key Is Lea Michele to 'Chess'? It Will Now Close When She Leaves.

The New York Times

Other

Beyond the Jargon: The Creative Economy and You

Arts Midwest

The Phone Call No Board Wants to Make

Blue Avocado

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

Widline Cadet brings first solo U.S. show to Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Through August 9

Museum of Wisconsin Art to host Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards on May 31

Washington County Insider

May 31

Wisconsin Watch to bring Public Square photography exhibit to Green Bay

Wisconsin Watch

June 6

In the Studio: Judy Pfaff

Tandem Press

June 11

Arts and Creativity in Education

Watertown Wind Symphony
Isthmus
May 28

Community Arts

Gathering of Arts Leaders
ArtReach St. Croix
May 27

3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 28-31 in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
May 28 – 31

3 weekend events you don't want to miss May 28-31 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
May 28 – 31

Oregon Community Calendar: May 28 - June 7
The Oregon Observer
May 28 – June 7

Wisconsin Watch to bring Public Square photography exhibit to Green Bay
Wisconsin Watch
June 6

Thinking Big About Wisconsin Passenger Rail
High Speed Rail Alliance
June 25

Folk Arts/Folklife

Milwaukee's Celebrating Palestine festival expands in second year
Wisconsin Muslim Journal
June 7

Literary Arts/Libraries

Chippewa Valley Tool Library holds ribbon cutting, opening its doors Friday
WEAU
May 29

'Wisconsin Idols' history tour in Florence on Saturday
Iron Mountain Daily News
May 30

Marathon County Public Library programs

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Performing Arts

Music

Adult Programs at Birch Creek

Birch Creek Music Performance Center

August 12 - 15 | Wind Ensemble Retreat

August 17 - 20 | Chamber Music Retreat

August 21 - 24 | Piano Retreat

Presenting

2026 Tuesday Night Blues Returns to Owen Park

WEAU

Tuesdays through Labor Day

Concert Features Unique Pairing of Brazilian Music and Dance

Urban Milwaukee

May 29 – 30

Everwood Farmstead Foundation to host 14th season, opening with live music by

Courtney Hartman

Hudson Star-Observer

June 6, Season

Hartfest to Celebrate 30th Anniversary With Headliners the Gufs; The Lovemonkeys

Urban Milwaukee

June 12 – 13

Future Neenah cuts back on midday concerts in favor of evening events

Appleton Post-Crescent

June 18, July 16, August 20

Also

A new chapter for summer music programming is coming to Neenah

WBAY

June 18, July 16, August 20

Second City announces July shows at Thrasher Opera House

Fond du Lac Reporter, Oshkosh Northwestern

July 18

Michael Feinstein – My Celebration: Johnny Mathis & Henry Mancini Magical Music
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 29

Wisconsin Music Artists and Festivals (with Wave Chapelle)
The Cabin | Discover Wisconsin
Various | Summer

Denny Diamond Svehla: a Neil Diamond story - Lunch Show
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
September 15

Theater/Opera

Disney's Descendants The Musical
Hartland, WI Patch
July 23 – August 2

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

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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[NEW American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Hub Mural](#)
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation
Deadline: June 26

[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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