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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

May 28, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.” – Twyla Tharp

“Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it's produced the most extraordinary results in human culture.” – Sir Ken Robinson

“Possibly all art flowers more readily in silence. Certainly the state of simplicity and humility is the only desirable one for artist or for man. While to reach it may be impossible, to attempt to do so is imperative.” – Patrick White

“We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival.” – Winston Churchill

“Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.” – Douglas Adams

“Thankfully, dreams can change. If we'd all stuck with our first dream, the world would be overrun with cowboys and princesses.” – Stephen Colbert

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Fourth graders create ‘The Masterpiece,’ a drawing nearly the length of a football field](#)
NBC 15 | WMTV

[Bringing fish leather to UW–Madison](#)
Wisconsin Sea Grant

[New Berlin girl turns cancer journey into art helping families](#)
FOX6 News Milwaukee

[Nathan Lane and Laurie Metcalf on bringing 'Death of a Salesman' back to Broadway](#)
PBS NewsHour

[Cure For Paranoia, 2026 Tiny Desk Contest Winner: 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

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](#).

[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

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

NEW Director of Performing Arts Center

Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Technical Director of Performing Arts Center

Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids

Deadline: Until Filled

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

[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

[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

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

[Sparkling New Connections | Woodson Wanderings](#)

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Arts and Healthcare

[Sparkling New Connections | Woodson Wanderings](#)

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Community Arts

[Dane County to donate ancestral land with burial mounds to Ho-Chunk](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Imagine MKE has a new plan for Milwaukee arts funding and advocacy](#)

BizTimes MKE

[The rise, fall, and reclamation of Wisconsin's third spaces](#)

Up North News

[Destination Door County awards \\$318,000 in grants to 5 local projects](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

Also

[Community Investment Fund Continues Countywide Impact with Latest Grants](#)

Destination Door County

[Photos of the first decade of Uecker's Ride for the Arts](#)

Green Sheet | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[20 Things To Do In Oshkosh WI Beyond The Airshow](#)

Travel2Next

Literary Arts/Libraries

[LOCAL LIT: 'Champion of Spring' | Connie Johnson](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Brenda Cárdenas | Against Insularity](#)

Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

Performing Arts

Music

[Anita and Julian Graef](#)

Midday Classics with Norman Gilliland | Wisconsin Public Radio

[Create Wisconsin Director Anne Katz receives WAMI “Wall of Honor” Award](#)

Create Wisconsin

Theater/Opera

[Broadway’s 2025-2026 Season Grosses Nearly \\$2 Billion, Holding Steady With Last](#)

Year

Deadline

Other

[20 Creative Ways of Making from the Midwest](#)

Arts Midwest

[The Art of Securing Major Gifts](#)

Playbooks | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Stop Chasing Younger Donors. Start Inviting Them In.](#)

In Case You Missed It | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[6 KPIs for Measuring Text Messaging Success in Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Programs](#)

NonProfit Pro

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

[Deadly Prey Gallery Pop-Up Opening](#)

Charles Allis Art Museum

May 31 – June 7

[Workshop: Urban Cultural Arts Beginner Stained Glass: Stained Glass Dove](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

June 1

[125th Anniversary Party and Spring Opening Celebration](#)

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

June 4

[Milwaukee County Historical Society prepares new exhibition on immigration](#)

OnMilwaukee

Opens June 12

[2026 Art Fair on the Square](#)

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

July 11 – 12

[The Shortlist: 7 Milwaukee art shows to put on your summer bucket list](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | Summer

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Innovative Educators Institute](#)

Lynden Sculpture Garden

June 22 - 26

Community Arts

[Feed My People Food Bank hosts 26th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser](#)

WEAU

May 28

[What to do in Madison this weekend: May 28-31, 2026](#)

Isthmus

May 28 – 31

[16 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: May 28-31](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

May 28 – 31

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Park Art Fair returns](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

[13 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

[UPAF Ride for the Arts](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

May 31

[The Northwoods Pride Festival](#)

WJFW

June 6

[6 music and theater performances to see in Milwaukee in June 2026](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Various | June

[Milwaukee Recreation Prepares for a Summer of Safe, Fun, and Affordable Programming](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Various | Summer

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Nicholas Gulig & Michael Perry in Conversation: An Eaux Claires Preview](#)

Volume One Magazine

June 12

[Find free summer fun at the Fond du Lac Public Library](#)

KFIZ

Various | Summer

[Discover the Jackson Park Forest Storybook Hike – Explore the Story in the Understory](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Ongoing

Media Arts

[Wisconsin hip-hop dance crew takes the stage at ‘America’s Got Talent’](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

June 2

Performing Arts

Dance

[Broadway Dance](#)

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

June 1 – July 20

[Jazz Hands](#)

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

June 2 – July 21

[Friday Night Dance Party in June](#)

ARTS for ALL Wisconsin

June 5

Music

North American Competition 2026

PianoArts

Through June 2

Presenting

'Clue' sleuths into Sheboygan's Weill Center for two nights only

Spectrum News 1

June 1 – 2

Milwaukee Public Market Unveils Dates for Under-Freeway Concert Series

Urban Milwaukee

June 2 – September 22

Americana with Groove: RF Music in the Park presents Mayfair 3

Pierce County Journal

June 4

Ashley for the Arts to take place August 6-8

WEAU

August 6 – 8

Michael Feinstein

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

August 29

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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