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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

June 4, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If art is the bridge between what you see in your mind and what the world sees, then skill is how you build that bridge.” – Twyla Tharp

“We all have ability. The difference is how we use it.” – Stevie Wonder

“We all need to learn a lesson from crayons. Some are sharp, some have weird names, and they are all kinds of colors. But in the end, they all have to learn to live in the same box.” – Nick Meno

“Be aware of wonder. And then remember the Dick and Jane books and the first word you learned — the biggest word of all — LOOK.” – Robert Fulghum

“Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved.” – Osho

“The question is not “To be or not to be,” it is what we should be until we are not.” – Soren Kierkegaard

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Eau Claire Sculpture Tour launches 16th season](#)

WEAU

Voting begins June 15

[This artist makes neon figures that depict instances of everyday life | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[The Arts Page | Learn the importance of being who you are from this Milwaukee dancer.](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[GENA: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music

[Battle Hymn of the Republic](#)
Voices of Liberty

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 [U.S. Conference of Mayors and National Endowment for the Arts to Showcase Freedom 250 City Art Posters](#)
National Endowment for the Arts
Submit through November 6

NEW [Creative Conversation on Advocacy and Action – June 2026](#)
Create Wisconsin
June 9, 11

NEW [Guild Essentials Series.- Navigating the Tension Between Money & Mission](#)
National Guild for Community Arts Education
June 10 | Virtual

NEW [Launch Wisconsin contest open for statewide entries through June 15, 2026](#)
Wisconsin Technology Council
Deadline: June 15

[Wisconsin Originals: Orson Welles, award-winning golden age actor, director, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin](#)
America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

[Second Lady Usha Vance Announces Student Winners of Bookmark Design Challenge: Celebrating America's 250th](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[Great Immigrants Great Americans Comic Series](#)
Carnegie Corporation of New York

[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

[Free resources available to Wisconsin residents to host America@250 Community Conversations](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[2025-2027 Wisconsin Poet Laureate Project](#)
Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission

NEA + NEH + IMLS + NPR, PBS, CPB Updates may be found [HERE](#).

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| <u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i> |
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[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)
Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | May 29, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Community and Patron Engagement Specialist](#)
The Young Performing Arts Center | UW-Whitewater
Deadline: June 9

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

[Part-Time Accompanist](#)
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: June 30

NEW [Development & Special Events Manager](#)
Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts
Deadline: Until Filled

[Director of Performing Arts Center](#)
Lincoln High School | Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
Deadline: Until Filled

[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

[Shape the future. Organize for Impact](#)
AFTACON 2026, Americans for the Arts
Through June 5 | Albuquerque, NM

[In it to win it: Register to bid in PBS Wisconsin's 2026 online Auction](#)
PBS Wisconsin
Through June 10

[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

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

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

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

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

Women Trailblazers Conference
UW-Stevens Point School of Business and Economics
October 28 | Stevens Point

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

[Spirit of America: Neville Public Museum exhibit connects Northeast Wisconsin to Revolutionary War history](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

[Task force to study possible Neville and Children's Museum partnership](#)

Green Bay Press-Gazette

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Brewers meet new friends. Kids meet their heroes. How this 'amazing' day unfolded at AmFam Field.](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Higher-Ed Groups Decry Proposed Federal 'Earnings Test' That Could Decimate Arts Education](#)

ARTnews

Also

[New Federal Guidelines Threaten Almost Half of Graduate Arts Programs](#)

The New York Times

[New "Professional Student" Definition Reshapes Federal Student Loan Limits](#)

National Association for Music Education

Community Arts

[Mineral Point combines history, art and...pasties | This small city 50 miles southwest of Madison will capture your attention and your soul](#)

Isthmus

[A Madison nonprofit promotes public art. Artists warn of red flags.](#)

The Capital Times

[Vote now for Stockholm Pie and General Store!](#)

USA Today

Vote by June 8

Also

[This may be the best darn pie in America!](#)

CBS Minnesota

[Wisconsin Center CEO Clears Out Office Amid Closed-Door Board Talks](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Post From Community: Literacy Services of Wisconsin raises \\$124,770 at annual](#)

[Illuminating Literacy Gala](#)

Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

[Rae Armantrout | Supervision](#)

Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Madison dance troupe got an 'AGT' tease, but still awaits its big moment](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Wisconsin Originals: Academy Award-winning actor Don Ameche was born and raised in](#)

[Kenosha](#)

La Crosse Tribune

Performing Arts

Music

[WPR Music new album of the week: 'Ein deutsches Requiem' from the Milwaukee](#)

[Symphony Orchestra](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[The Kennedy Center's National Symphony Orchestra 'Is in Real Trouble,' Ben Folds](#)

[Says — Here's How We Can Help](#)

Variety

Other

[How to Find the Best Time to Fundraise for Your Nonprofit](#)

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

[Mexican Folk Art Collective | Overture Center-Playhouse Gallery](#)

Isthmus

Through August 23

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: June 4-7, 2026](#)

Isthmus

June 4 – 7

[16 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: June 4-7](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

June 4 – 7

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: An artful, art-filled weekend](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

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

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

[Oregon Community Calendar: June 4-14](#)

The Oregon Observer

June 4 – 14

[Free Pop-Up Park coming to parks across Chippewa Falls](#)

WEAU

This Summer | Tuesdays and Thursdays

Media Arts

[The Making of 'Wisconsin Pride': In Conversation with Producer Andy Soth and Advisor](#)

[Robyn Bayland](#)

PBS Wisconsin

June 5

[Clara Gelatt: A local film must watch — 'Winter Hymns' this Saturday at the Rivoli](#)

WIZM

June 6

[Your streaming guide to celebrate Pride!](#)

PBS Wisconsin

Various | June

Performing Arts

Dance

[Peter Stathas Dance returns to southeastern WI for THE BARN PROJECT 5](#)

Peter Stathas Dance

June 12

Music

[This Friday: Grammy-Nominated Artist Leads Present Music Season Finale at MAM](#)

Urban Milwaukee

June 5

Also

[Present Music explores cultural identity with season finale concert](#)

Fox 6 Milwaukee

June 5

Presenting

[2026 Concert Season at Henry Maier Festival Park at American Family Insurance](#)

[Amphitheater & BMO Pavilion](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Through September 29

[La Crosse Confluence | Moon Tunes | Riverside Park](#)

La Crosse Local

June 4

[Gobbler Theater reopening with Terri Clark, first concert in six years](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

June 6

[River Falls Music in the Park presents Charlie Parr](#)

Pierce County Journal

June 11

[Free Jazz on the River series returns to downtown Wausau this summer](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

July 19 – August 16

Comedian Daniel Van Kirk Coming to Thrasher Opera House
Radio Plus
July 25

1970s Music Icon Announces Once-In-A-Lifetime Show
Inspire More
November 5

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW June 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

Residency Opportunities | June + July
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | June + July

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

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

2026 Harry Whitehorse International Wood Sculpture Festival: Volunteer Sign Up
SignUpGenius
June 19 – 30

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

The Vanguard Award
Remuseum
Deadline: June 22

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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

NEW Enter the 2026 Quilted Fashion Challenge Exhibit and Show
PBS Wisconsin
Deadline: June 30

Calling all Artists: Reimagining Wisconsin Through Art
Kids Forward
Deadline: July 6

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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