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June 5, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art hurts. Art urges voyages — and it is easier to stay at home.” – Gwendolyn Brooks

“Words ought to be a little wild, for they are the assault of thoughts on the unthinking.” – John Maynard Keynes

“Teaching is successful only as it causes people to think for themselves. What the teacher thinks matters little; what he makes the child think matters much.” – Alice Moore Hubbard

“It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.” – Judith Martin

“A film is --- or should be --- more like music than like fiction. It should be a progression of moods and feelings. The theme, what's behind the emotion, the meaning, all that comes later.” – Stanley Kubrick

“Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable.” – Sydney J. Harris

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[7 Hidden Rules Of Comedy - David Zucker \(Naked Gun, Scary Movie 3, Airplane!\)](#)
Film Courage

[Musical phenom introduces an old instrument to new audiences](#)
PBS NewsHour

[The Girl From Ipanema](#)
Harvard Krokodiloes

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 [Secretary Lonnie Bunch Says the Smithsonian Keeps 'The Nation's Memory' in an Exclusive Essay for America's 250th Birthday](#)
Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

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

[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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[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

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

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

Launch Wisconsin contest open for statewide entries through June 15, 2026

Wisconsin Technology Council

Deadline: 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

[Artist Spotlight | Barbi Gossen](#)
Fox Cities Magazine

[6 Artist-Built Environments to Visit in Wisconsin](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[The Art of Being Human June: Ritual](#)
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore

[Jared Polis signs bill giving Colorado artists creative control with new business structure](#)
The Colorado Sun

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Donor settles school meal debt for 560 Wisconsin Rapids students](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

[Igniting the Spark for Pre-Teens and Early Teens: Why High-Quality Arts Matter More than Ever](#)
Research for Action

[Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents Approves University of Wisconsin–Stout Polytechnic as New Name for Menomonie Campus](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Also
[UW-Stout Polytechnic Name Change Is System's First In Over 50 Years](#)
Volume One Magazine

[UW Stout Polytechnic: Amends name to reflect longstanding applied, career focus](#)
WisPolitics

[Primed by immersive experiences, UW-Whitewater art student, alums earn international recognition](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

[From JFK to Salvador Dali: Top 15 historic treasures in UW-La Crosse's Special Collections](#)
La Crosse Tribune

Arts and Healthcare

[Arts and Culture Improve Health and Equity](#)
Mass Cultural Council

[Listening to a Consonant Chord Progression during Live Face-to-Face Gaze Enhances Neural Activity in Social Systems](#)
The Journal of Neuroscience

Community Arts

[Inside the architecture of The Center for Black Excellence and Culture](#)
The Capital Times

[Glowing bench honors Wauwatosa's first Black homeowner](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[CULTURE CLUB: The Creative Greenhouse: How Art Incubates Big Ideas](#)
Door County Pulse, Peninsula Pulse

[Milwaukee nonprofit brings health equity and cultural celebration to Pride weekend in Southeast Wisconsin](#)
TMJ4 Milwaukee

Folk Arts/Folklife

[African-printed headwrap company takes home \\$10,000 Project Pitch It Prize](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

[St. Brigid Center for Irish Arts and Culture to open by end of year](#)
AOL.com, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin actor and author releases post-apocalyptic thriller](#)
WUWM

[Max Garland | Happiness](#)
Poems | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Kennedy Center orders staff to begin removing Trump's name after ruling](#)
Style | The Washington Post

Theater/Opera

[City launches grant program to help emerging theater companies](#)
WBEZ Chicago

Other

[6 Questions Nonprofit Managers Must Answer to Avoid New Hire Burnout](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Proposal Would Use Political Gatekeepers to Oversee Federal Grants](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[The Art of Securing Major Gifts](#)
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

[Door County Contemporary Aims to Build an Experience Around Art](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
Through June 7

[Secret Schlitz stash secured and headed for Old World Wisconsin taps](#)
OnMilwaukee.com
July 3 – 5

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Events](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
Various

[Events Calendar | Arts](#)
UW-Madison
Various

[Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events](#)
UW-Superior
Various

Community Arts

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 4-7 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
Through June 7

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 4-7 in Stevens Point](#)
Stevens Point Journal
Through June 7
[What to do in Madison this weekend: June 4-7, 2026](#)
Isthmus
Through June 7

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

Milwaukee Magazine

Through June 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

[A Weekend of Festivals and Parades](#)

Urban Milwaukee

This Weekend

[Manitowoc weekend events include marathon and music](#)

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

This Weekend

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

The Oregon Observer

Through June 14

[Finalists announced for Nonprofit Excellence Awards program](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

July 23

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Oktoberfest reveals 2026 button design](#)

WXOW

September 24 – 27

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wisconsin's first independent bookstore crawl highlights local literary scenes](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Through June 30

Ralph Murre Reads In Poetry Series
Door County Pulse, Peninsula Pulse
June 10

Wisconsin authors visit Oshkosh bookstore June 26-27
Oshkosh Northwestern
June 26 – 27

6th Annual Door County Book and Author Fair
Write On, Door County
July 18

Media Arts

UW Cinematheque embraces Bleak Week during a bleak year
Isthmus
June 24 – 30

Performing Arts

Music

Madison Area Music Association Awards
Isthmus
June 7

Presenting

The Ingleside Hotel launches new free summer concert series
Waukesha County Freeman
June 11, July 9, August 13

Theater/Opera

Wisconsin's summer outdoor theater features Shakespeare, musicals and even puppets
Isthmus
Various | Summer

The most promising theater to see this summer across the country
The Washington Post
Various | Summer

Includes American Players Theatre.

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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