

# WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



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**June 8, 2026**

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Being from the woods of rural Wisconsin, you might imagine we believe in regional theater. APT is statistically impossible. We only exist because of a deep faith in storytelling, and that when you bring greater artists and a curious audience together, it creates community. And for us, community is the point.” – Brenda DeVita, American Players Theatre

"Forget regret, or life is yours to miss. No other road, no other way, no day but today." – Jonathan Larson

“This is for every woman who ever felt like she was too much or not enough. I beg you not to wait for permission to be all of who you are. Take up space, make your own path, make mistakes, make messes, make new things. Be free, be loud, be brave... I love you!” – Shoshana Bean

"It has been almost 40 years since an American woman playwright won this award! That was Wendy Wasserstein for her brilliant play Heidi Chronicles. ... And to all the girls out there, may you speak your truth and may the world be wise enough to listen." – Bess Wohl

“It is an honor to play this role, Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Black musician whose art led him to his love and to his dream. And even in the face of pain and tragedy, he found a way to be heard. Every artist in this room, every artist at home, fight, fight, fight to be heard.” – Joshua Henry

"Sometimes, singing, dancing, a lot of jokes and a happy ending is really all you need." – Lorne Michaels

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[American Players Theatre | 2026 Tony Awards First Impressions](#)  
*The Tony Awards*

[Frank Lloyd Wright's influence still felt in Wisconsin and beyond](#)  
*NBC 15 | WMTV*

[Artist Mauricio Ramirez talks about honoring a Milwaukee legend | The Arts Page](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

["RAGTIME" | RAGTIME cast performs at The 79th Annual Tony Awards®](#)  
*CBS and The Tony Awards*

[CATS: THE JELICLE BALL performs at The 79th Annual Tony Awards®](#)  
*CBS and The Tony Awards*

["Schmigadoon!" | Schmigadoon! cast performs at The 79th Annual Tony Awards®](#)  
*CBS and The Tony Awards*

*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!](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

[NEW Community Bands | Creative Copy #32](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[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*

[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 250<sup>th</sup>](#)  
*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*

[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 | June 5, 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**

**NEW** Theater Manager  
*Mineral Point Opera House*  
**Deadline: June 19**

Part-Time Accompanist  
*Milwaukee Ballet*  
**Deadline: June 30**

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**

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**

General Manager

*Barrymore Theatre*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Development Coordinator

*Opera for the Young*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

**Deadlines | Resources | Events**

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**

**NEW The 2026 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference**  
*The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM*  
**July 8 - 10 | St. Louis, MO**

**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**

Gabs Conway Channels Parallel Universe Through Ceramic Forms

*Volume One Magazine*

New La Crosse statue celebrates Ho-Chunk healer, replacing controversial sculpture

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

Boys and Girls Clubs CEO Michael Johnson dead at 50

*Wisconsin State Journal*

[Jerry Awards celebrate Wisconsin high school theatre excellence](#)  
*Channel3000.com*

[The Question of Access: Elite or Universal? Article V of The Founding Disciplines](#)  
*Bob Morrison*

[UWSP Symphonic Wind Ensemble to release professional recording](#)  
*Stevens Point Journal*

## **Arts and Health**

[Eau Claire Health Alliance Advocates For More Sober Spaces In The Area](#)  
*Volume One*

[This Neuroarts Milestone Matters - For Sound + Music Medicine](#)  
*Dr. Miriam Lee Burger, LinkedIn*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

['It means a lot': Milwaukee community rallies behind Fiesta Puerto Rico](#)  
*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

[Wild Rice Faces Numerous Threats—and Has Determined Protectors](#)  
*Science | Inside Climate News*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Literary Arts Fund Awards \\$7.7 Million to 40 Organizations and Publishers Nationwide](#)  
*Literary Arts Fund*

[Billy-Ray Belcourt | Bildungssonnet](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

[Two local filmmakers discuss impact of new Wisconsin film incentive and their upcoming projects](#)  
*WQOW*

[California and other states may sue to block Paramount-Warner Bros. deal](#)  
*MSN, Los Angeles Times*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[Why the Radical Vision of Martha Graham Still Matters](#)  
*The New York Times*

## Music

[Madison Area Music Association celebrates local musicians at annual MAMA Awards](#)  
*Channel3000.com*

## Presenting

[If Summerfest is for everyone, why does it spark so much debate?](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## Theater/Opera

[Tonys 2026 Highlights: 'Schmigadoon!' and 'Death of a Salesman' Are Big Winners](#)  
*The New York Times*

Also

[Tony Awards 2026: 'Death of a Salesman' Leads With Six Wins, as 'Ragtime,' 'Schmigadoon!' and 'Liberation' Also Take Top Honors](#)  
*Variety*

[Tonys Snubs and Surprises: Alden Ehrenreich Beats Tight Competition, Nathan Lane Loses for 'Salesman' and More](#)  
*Variety*

[A Neon Nostalgia Kaboom for the End of the World - In its '80s IP retro rush, is Broadway's 2025-26 season simply offering brand-name escapism—or finding a reflection of, and a response to, our current age of anxiety?](#)  
*American Theatre*

## Other

[Turn a Weak Nonprofit Board Into a Strong Governing Partner](#)  
*NonProfit Pro*

[Why Removing a Problematic Donor's Name Is Harder Than It Looks](#)  
*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>.

## Arts and Creativity in Education

The 2026 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference  
*The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM*  
**July 8 - 10 | St. Louis, MO**

## **Community Arts**

What to do in Madison this week: June 8-11 2026  
*Isthmus*  
**June 8 – 11**

Join Neighbors for Music, a Movie, Food, Fun, and Community!  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**June 20**

'An Evening to Celebrate Voices of Independence' at Monroe Library July 2  
*The Monroe Times*  
**July 2**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

Central Wisconsin Children's Museum announces summer hours, programs  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**Various | Summer**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

Singing Across America  
*Vacationland Voices*  
**July 29**

### **Presenting**

Elevate Your Summerfest Experience at the Level Up Deck Presented by Culver's  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**June 18 – July 4**

Summerfest in Milwaukee loses headliner The Roots, replaced by Common  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**June 25**

Marcus Center Announces Rainbow Summer 2026 Artist Line-Up and Interactive Art Installation for Milwaukee Community!  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**July 14 – 19**

## OPPORTUNITIES

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**

[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**

[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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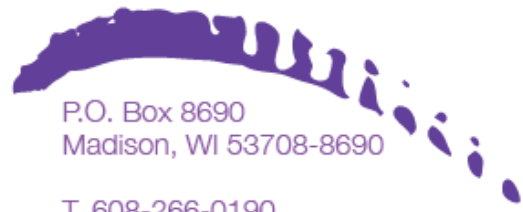
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