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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

June 10, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Destroying rainforest for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal." – E. O. Wilson

"If there were no poetry on any day in the world, poetry would be invented that day. For there would be an intolerable hunger." – Muriel Rukeyser

"Children are tough, though we tend to think of them as fragile. They have to be tough. Childhood is not easy. We sentimentalize children, but they know what's real and what's not. They understand metaphor and symbol." – Maurice Sendak

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." – William Arthur Ward

"You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they do." – Olin Miller

"Using words to describe magic is like using a screwdriver to cut roast beef." – Tom Robbins

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[ARTiculating with David Barnett: Season 3 Episode 1 - Carol Christ](#)
David Barnett Gallery

[Local artist helps transform Riverside Park pavilion](#)
WXOW

[Bach: The Cello Suites | University Place](#)
PBS Wisconsin

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

[Dave Eggers on 'Contrapposto' and supporting the next generation of writers](#)
Canvas | PBS NewsHour

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 [Workforce Policy Briefing](#)
Arts Education Partnership
July 16 | Virtual

NEW [Gov. Evers, Wisconsin Department of Tourism Announce Fourth Record-Breaking Year in a Row for Wisconsin Tourism, Shattering Records for Visitors and Revenue](#)
Office of Governor Tony Evers

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 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

[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

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

NEW Gallery Associate, part-time
Abel Contemporary Gallery
Deadline: Until Filled

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

[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>

[Creative Conversation on Advocacy and Action – June 2026](#)

Create Wisconsin

June 11

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

NEW [Workforce Policy Briefing](#)
Arts Education Partnership
July 16 | Virtual

[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

Art Intersection MKE Is a Growing Sculpture Garden With Big Ideas
Milwaukee Magazine

Huge Bob Uecker mural almost finished on downtown building
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Tall Grass will focus on farm-to-table cuisine on State Street
Isthmus

[Midwest Tintamarresque - Call For Artists](#)
Chippewa Valley Museum
Deadline: July 14

Arts and Creativity in Education

[10-year-old turns school talent into his own rock concert](#)
WSAW

[Arcadia schools shift gears with \\$25,000 automotive Fab Lab Grant](#)
Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

[WI ranked 8th for child well-being, but racial disparities persist](#)
WisBusiness

[More Than Creativity: How Youth Arts Engagement Supports Well-Being](#)
The Wallace Foundation

[Workforce Policy Briefing](#)
Arts Education Partnership
July 16 | Virtual

[Alverno College Names Désirée Pointer Mace, PhD, Dean of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies](#)
Greenfield WI, Patch

Arts and Health

[More Than Creativity: How Youth Arts Engagement Supports Well-Being](#)
The Wallace Foundation

[Why we crave company](#)
The Mind | Knowable Magazine

[It's Not Just You: The Reality of Adult Friendship in 2026](#)
Mel Robbins

Also
[The Art and Science of Connection](#)
Kasley Killam

Community Arts

[Madison mourns Michael Johnson after his abrupt passing](#)
Isthmus

[From calving barn to classroom, learning comes alive at Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center](#)
Wisconsin State Farmer

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Child Reading Literacy and the Role of Public Libraries](#)

Institute of Museum and Library Services

[Janani Balasubramanian | Quiet](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Love Always Grant Expands WPR Music Program Statewide](#)

Radio Online

[Wisconsin Originals: Award-winning actress Ellen Corby was born in Racine in 1911](#)

America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Performing Arts

Dance

[Samuel \(Sam\) Huberty , Artistic Director and founder of the Wisconsin Dance Theatre.](#)

EAHS YouTube

Music

[Girls Rock MKE Announces Executive Transition](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Wisconsin Originals: Viroqua's Butch Vig breaks through in '90s music scene](#)

America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

[Musicians Union Sues Universal and Warner Over AI Use](#)

Pitchfork

[One-Third of Musicians Now Use AI for Inspiration on Tracks They Release, Study Finds \(Exclusive\)](#)

The Hollywood Reporter

Presenting

[\[PHOTOS\] WE COME IN PEACE: Force Fields Music Festival Year Two Lands In Cadott](#)

Volume One Magazine

Theater/Opera

What Happens When Institutions Disappear? Lessons from Theater and Church
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

Other

Carnegie Corporation of New York Changes Its Name to the Andrew Carnegie Foundation
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Also
What Would Andrew Carnegie Think?
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

The Art of the Ask: Creative Approaches to Fundraising
Arts Midwest

Arts Advocates: Should You Be Careful What You Claim?
The Nightingale's Sonata | Thomas Wolf

Nonprofit Leaders Answer: What's One Leadership Habit That's Made the Biggest Difference for Your Nonprofit?
Blue Avocado

The Fundraising Pitch Donors Actually Remember
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

Abel Contemporary Gallery Exhibits

Isthmus

June 19 – August 2

Arts and Creativity in Education

Annual Street Music Week raising funds for Paint the City student program

WTAQ

Through June 12

Bird Puppet Parade

Arts@Large

July 1

Discover the North Woods Art Tour

North Woods Art Tour

July 24 – 26

October 9 – 11

Community Arts

3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 11-14 in Stevens Point

Stevens Point Journal

June 11 – 14

3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 11-14 in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

June 11 – 14

Literary Arts/Libraries

Nature Music with Will | Campbell Library

La Crosse Local

June 10

Performing Arts

Music

Annual Street Music Week raising funds for Paint the City student program

WTAQ

Through June 12

Masur Bids MSO Farewell with Beethoven's Missa Solemnis

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra

June 13 – 14

Presenting

Music in the Park: Dennis' Solo Show with special guest

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

June 19

Madison Jazz Festival 2026

Arts + Literature Laboratory

June 19 – 27

Third Ward Moon Festival

Historic Third Ward

August 7 – 9

Theater/Opera

LOON's 'A Little Night Music' bridges generations across the Twin Ports
Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio
June 12, 14

Baggage Opens at Peninsula Players Theatre on June 16
Peninsula Players
June 16 – July 5

"2 Comedies of Matrimonial Mishaps"
Boulevard Theatre
June 23 – 30

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

[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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