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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable.” – George Bernard Shaw

“Poems have always been a place for questions for me. Not answers. And I have a lot of questions these days. One of the reasons I've felt so connected to poetry throughout the years is because it's the only art form that has breath built into it. And I need that breath now. I need that breath so much. So, yes, it is a refuge for me. Absolutely.” – Ada Limon

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.” – Robert Louis Stevenson

“Talent perceives differences, Genius unity.” – William Butler Yeats

“The good writing of any age has always been the product of someone's neurosis, and we'd have a mighty dull literature if all the writers that came along were a bunch of happy chuckleheads.” – William Styron

“To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization, and at present very few people have reached this level.” – Bertrand Russell

“If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.” – Steven Wright

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Four ways to celebrate the Fourth of July with PBS KIDS](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Artist Mick Meilahn | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Chippewa Falls High School students released full-length album](#)
WEAU

[This Indigenous composer's music defies boundaries | Stankface Standing Soldier | In The Making](#)
PBS

[Kenny Loggins, Jimmy and The Roots Sing "Danger Zone," "Footloose" & More \(Classroom Instruments\)](#)
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

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 [Snoop Dogg, Ed Ruscha, Danny Trejo, and Chuck D Honored by Americans for the Arts and The United States Conference of Mayors with 2026 Citizen Artist Award](#)
Americans for the Arts

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](#).

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[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 [Director of Marketing and Communications](#)
Skylight Music Theatre
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

[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 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

[Northwoods sees new artwork as Eau Claire sculpture-sharing program expands](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

[David Hockney, Iconic British Artist, Dies at 88](#)

Variety

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Art educators honor Waunakee village staffer's collaboration](#)

Waunakee Tribune Enterprise

[MPS, Mayor Hail Success of 'Adopt-A-School'](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Kids Cabinet boosts citywide collaboration for MPS student success](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Community Arts

[Visit Eau Claire Grants Are Helping Pinehurst Park Up Its Game](#)
Volume One Magazine

[This Tiny Wisconsin Town Has a Tony-Winning Theater, Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture, and Live Music in a Barn](#)
Midwest Living

[This Secretly Cool Wisconsin Town Has a Swanky Cocktail Lounge, Storybook Downtown, and Fun Circus History](#)
Midwest Living

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Lake City Books is not moving far](#)
Isthmus

[PENINSULA POETRY: Geomorphology: Cave Point](#)
Door County Pulse

[Library moving ahead with feasibility study](#)
New Media, Inc.

[Announcing the 2026-2027 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Communities](#)
Arts Midwest

Congratulations to Wisconsin's recipient the Portage Public Library.

[A. Van Jordan | Such Sweet Thunder](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[The Avanti Piano Trio](#)
Heard On Midday Classics with Norman Gilliland | NPR

[EXPLORE THE 'INTERKNIT': A Multi-Sensory Listening Experience In 'Future Folk'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[QUICK HITS: Courtney Hartman, TeawhYB, Affid4vit & Humbird](#)
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Theater/Opera

[\[PHOTOS\] Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild Presents 'Twelve Angry Men'](#)
Volume One Magazine

Other

[How Nonprofits Can Minimize Email Fraud Risk](#)

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

[World-Class Art Pieces Make Their Local Debut In Sculpture Tour](#)

Volume One Magazine

On Exhibit

[The Hardy Gallery announces the awards for the 64th Annual Wall-To-Wall Juried Exhibit](#)

The Hardy Gallery

Through July 5

[Community Invited To Help Paint Mural Honoring Olympic Medalist](#)

Daily Dodge

June 13

[Fulwiler Featured in 12×12 Series](#)

Door County Pulse, Peninsula Pulse

June 13 | Artist Talk

[Bronzeville Center for the Arts unveils installation by local artist](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

June 18 | Artist Talk

[A Few of My Favorite Things](#)

Woodson Wanderings | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

June 26

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

Downtown Racine debuts Makers Gallery window displays

Wisconsin State Journal

This Summer

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: June 10-13

Milwaukee Magazine

Through June 13

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

Stevens Point Journal

Through June 14

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

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

Through June 14

What to do in Madison this weekend: June 11-14, 2026

Isthmus

Through June 14

Three Lakefront Festivals To Choose From

Urban Milwaukee

June 12 – 14

14 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

Western Wisconsin Weekend: Queer Crawl kicks off Pride festivities

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[E.C. Library Welcomes Pysanky Artist To Annual Makers In Residence Program](#)

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This Summer

Media Arts

['Beacons of Brew City' Shines a Light on Eight LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

June 16

Performing Arts

Music

[Madison Symphony Orchestra celebrates 100 years with free weekend event](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

June 13 – 14

Presenting

[Radio Rosies](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

June 13

[Buttermilk Festival opens with free concert in Fond du Lac June 17](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

June 17

[The Chris Silver Band comes to River Falls Music in the Park](#)

River Falls Journal

June 18

[Catfish River Music Festival](#)

Stoughton Opera House

July 3 – 5

Theater/Opera

[Door County's 2026 theater season is starting. Here's what's playing](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Season

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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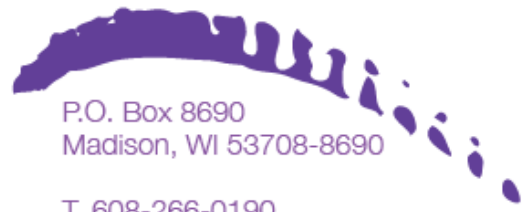
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