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June 15, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The work of art is a scream of freedom.” – Christo

“The choice to focus on the good is itself a way to defy the evil.” – Jarod K. Anderson

“Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to realize his true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. Even if it’s a little thing, do something for those who need help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.” – Albert Schweitzer

“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.” – Harriet Beecher Stowe

“Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs.” – Charlotte Bronte

“Fiction has to be plausible. All history has to do is happen.” – Harry Turtledove

“To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at yourself is maturity.” – William A. Ward

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[American Players Theatre | Regional Tony Awards | 2026 Tony Awards Acceptance Speeches](#)

The Tony Awards

[SILKROAD | "Pizzica" from Sanctuary: The Power of Resonance and Ritual](#)
SILKROAD

[Treat design as art | Paola Antonelli](#)
TED2007

[The Paradox: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR Music and The Paradox

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

[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

[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 12, 2026
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

Senior Marketing Manager
Marcus Performing Arts Center
Deadline: June 19

Theater Manager
Mineral Point Opera House
Deadline: June 19

Part-Time Accompanist
Milwaukee Ballet
Deadline: June 30

Director of Marketing and Communications
Skylight Music Theatre
Deadline: June 30

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

[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.”

NEW 2026 National Summit to Increase Social Connections

Commit to Connect

June 23 - 24

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

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

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

[Community leaders call for public involvement in consideration of Neville Public Museum future](#)

Press Times

[A Look Inside Beginner Quilting Classes At Fiber Lab In Menomonie](#)

Volume One Magazine

[This wood carving club brings people together through craft - Meet the Wood Wizard Carvers](#)

Investigate TV

[Vandals Damage Work by Black Artist at Houston Museum, Officials Say](#)

The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Webster Elementary student wins \\$500 in state art contest](#)

Watertown Daily Times

[UW-Madison alum André de Shields drops a 'joy bomb' on the world in 'CATS: the Jellicle Ball'](#)

Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Healthcare

[Coming to a Blood Donation Center Near You: the Chicago Symphony](#)

The New York Times

Community Arts

[Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival Accepting Entertainer Applications](#)

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: June 26

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Manoomin, treated by tribes as family for millennia, is vanishing. Drones may help save it](#)
Tech | The Cool Down

[2026 Call for Art: Dia de Los Muertos \(Day of the Dead\)](#)
Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD)
Deadline: August 1

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Kidney night](#)
Isthmus

[Why “Book-Shaming” Won’t Solve the Children’s Literacy Crisis](#)
The New Yorker

[Fernando Pessoa | Autopsychography](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Veronica Pope on Bringing More Film Production and Scott O’Donnell on CircusWorld \(Hour 1\)](#)
Civic Media Podcasts

Performing Arts

Dance

[Calling Wisconsin Dance Artists! Mini-Dance Festival Applications Now Open!](#)
Wisconsin Dance Council
Deadline: July 6

Presenting

[An exclusive look at what led to Baird Center CEO Marty Brooks' firing](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Theater/Opera

[UW-Madison alum André de Shields drops a ‘joy bomb’ on the world in ‘CATS: the Jellicle Ball’](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

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

[Christopher Sweet's Blue Bear Studio represents Ho-Chunk culture at Madison Public Market and beyond](#)

Madison365

Through July 1 | Wednesdays

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: June 15-18, 2026](#)

Isthmus

June 15 – 18

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Greek Fest's move to Waukesha begins with its June 19-21 event](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

June 19 – 21

Literary Arts/Libraries

[African American Elders in Madison](#)

Isthmus

June 18

Performing Arts

Dance

[Isthmus' 2026 Madison area summer theater and dance calendar](#)

Isthmus

Summer

Music

[Isthmus' 2026 Madison summer outdoor music calendar](#)

Isthmus

Summer

Presenting

[Ripon summer concerts continue with Cherry Pie June 19](#)

Fond du Lac Reporter

June 19

Theater/Opera

Isthmus' 2026 Madison area summer theater and dance calendar
Isthmus
Summer

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

[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](#)

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Deadline: June 26

[American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Hub Mural](#)

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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

[Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival](#)

Seehafernews.com

July 17 | Late Deadline

[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

NEW [2026 Call for Art: Dia de Los Muertos \(Day of the Dead\)](#)

Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD)

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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