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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art resides in the quality of doing, process is not magic.” – Charles Eames

“Happiness is the only good. The place to be happy is here. The time to be happy is now. The way to be happy is to make others so.” – Robert G. Ingersoll

“When you’re 50 you start thinking about things you haven’t thought about before. I used to think getting old was about vanity — but actually it’s about losing people you love. Getting wrinkles is trivial.” – Joyce Carol Oates

“There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.” – W. Somerset Maugham

“I haven’t got the slightest idea how to change people, but still I keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should ever figure it out.” – David Sedaris

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Grand Theater announces \\$1M matching challenge from anonymous donor](#)
WSAW

[Visit Eau Claire: Milwaukee Brewers bringing Wisco Pop-Up Series to Eau Claire](#)
WEAU

[Start spreading the moos — be part of National Dairy Month with ‘Wisconsin Life’](#)
PBS Wisconsin

[Playwright August Wilson: The Only Character You Can Write is Yourself](#)
THIRTEEN

[2001: Tap Odyssey" - Sci-Fi Theme Music Tap Dance Medley ft. Demi Remick](#)
PostmodernJukebox

[The Lion Sleeps Tonight | WDR Funkhausorchester](#)
ARD Klassik

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 [What a First-of-Its-Kind Survey Tells Us About Midwest Artists](#)
Arts Midwest

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](#).

Arts Board Panelist Open Call
Wisconsin Arts Board

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

[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

[PhotoMidwest Biennial Exhibition 2026](#)

Café | Photo Midwest

July 1

[Wisconsin Photography 2026](#)

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: August 24

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Morgridge camp sparks scientific curiosity for Wisconsin high schoolers](#)

Morgridge Institute for Research

[The Reformation Turn: Music for the People - Article VI of The Founding Disciplines](#)

Bob Morrison

Community Arts

[Overture Center powers Madison's economy](#)

Overture Center for the Arts

[Work visa delays are crippling Door County businesses well into summer](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[La Crosse's mayor on library closure, Emerson historic status and public market plans](#)

WIZM

[\[PHOTOS\] Charlie Berens Talks Data Centers At Eau Claire Event](#)

Volume One Magazine

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Hye Ground Café brings Armenian coffee, pastries, and heritage to downtown Racine](#)

TMJ4 Milwaukee

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Cameroonian immigrant reflects on race, belonging and Wisconsin in new memoir](#)

Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio

[A Bookstore Boom in a Time of Literacy Decline](#)

Literary Hub

[Ellen Bass | The Thing Is](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Music

[Madison Symphony's John DeMain retires with great fanfare](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Take a look at Milwaukee Symphony's 2025-'26 season in photos](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

[Kennedy Center Sign Frenzy Misses the Point](#)
Washingtonian

[Arts Commentary: What Might the Kennedy Center Best Become?](#)
The Arts Fuse

Theater/Opera

[Applauding 13 surprising performances from Milwaukee's theater season](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Holding Out for a Hero or the Footloose One Day Sale? Get Tickets June 22!](#)
Urban Milwaukee

Other

[The intention-action gap - Why do organizations say one thing and do another? There's a framework for that.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes

[How to Survive the Sting of Artistic Criticism](#)
In The Wings | Psychology Today

[How to Turn Your Founder Story Into a Fundraising Asset](#)
NonProfit Pro

[How to Build Loyalty With Younger Donors](#)
Playbooks | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[Creative Leaders Find Ways to Replace Lost Revenue](#)
Editor's Pick | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Nonprofit sustainability: When closure is the right choice
Candid

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

Flying Kites in a Windless World | Vanessa Filley
OS Projects
Through July 11 | Exhibition
June 20 | Artist talk

Slow Light opens at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts – 01
GMToday
Through August 16

Ck Ledesma: If you put your ear to it, you can hear the waves
Bronzeville Center for the Arts
Through June 13, 2027 | Exhibition
June 18 | Ck Ledesma: Opening Reception, Artist Talk & Exhibition Tour

Wisconsin hosts wood sculpture festival honoring Ho-Chunk artist Harry Whitehorse
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio
June 19 – 27

Post From Community: Strike at Allis Chalmers and Other Wisconsin Stories — exhibition by Allis Artist in Residence John Fleissner
Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service
Opens June 25

Community Arts

Your guide to the 2026 Cranberry Blossom Festival in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
June 18 – 21

Cheese Curd Festival Slices Off 25 Years
The 715 Newsroom
June 26 – 27

Ninth annual 365 Leadership Summit coming Oct 19 at the Center for Black Excellence and Culture
Madison365
October 19

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Lincoln Park Live returns with four free Wednesday concerts in Kenosha](#)

Racine County Eye

July 8, 22; August 5, 19

Theater/Opera

[Legendary Multiple Award-Winning Actor, Phylicia Rashad Returns to Wisconsin for a Week of Education, Inspiration and Growth](#)

The Milwaukee Courier

July 12 – 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

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

Urban Milwaukee

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

NEW [PhotoMidwest Biennial Exhibition 2026](#)

Café | Photo Midwest

July 1

[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

NEW Wisconsin Photography 2026
Racine Art Museum
Deadline: August 24

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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