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Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

June 17, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Love the art in yourself and not yourself in the art.” – Constantin Stanislavski

“The result of the struggle between the thought and the ability to express it, between dream and reality, is seldom more than a compromise or an approximation.” – M. C. Escher

“And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.” – Roald Dahl

“Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.” – Benjamin Franklin

“Life is easier to take than you think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable and bear the intolerable.” – Kathleen Norris

“Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.” – Mark Twain

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Stevens Point secures \\$50,000 grant to transform downtown alleyway](#)
WSAW

[Hot Shop Glass - Racine, WI](#)
Racine Video Production Workshop

Essentials Series.- The State of Teaching Artistry: Realities and Possibilities
National Guild of Community Arts Education

Norah Jones Is Playing Along with Ron Carter & Bill Frisell (Podcast Season 2 Episode 36)
Norah Jones

Jacob Collier - Smoke Gets In Your Eyes (with 13-Year-Old Jacob)
Jacob Collier

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 Spotlighting Wisconsin - Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts
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 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

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

Something's Fishy

Spectrum School of the Arts, Inc.

Deadline: July 5

Silurian Reef, Beaver Habitat and other Wisconsin Woodlands Animals, and Apothecary Items to Be Deinstalled This Summer

Milwaukee Public Museum

'This will be timeless': what art can we expect from Chicago's \$850m Obama Presidential Center?

The Guardian

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Pulaski Red Raiders to march Wisconsin pride into Philly's America 250 salute parade](#)
Fox 11 News

[COLUMN: Experience Japanese Culture & Arts With Keiko Morikawa](#)
Volume One Magazine

[UWM ranked among top universities in the world](#)
UWM Report

Arts and Healthcare

[Library](#)
Neuroarts Resource Center

[The Arts Are Not a Luxury: They Are the Solution Our Society Needs Now.](#)
Path with Art

[Former Surgeon General Vivek Murthy: 'staying human' requires connection and time away from tech](#)
WBUR

[Mechanisms underpinning the mental health impact of arts engagement](#)
Nature Reviews Psychology

Community Arts

[Tom Boldt retires after 50 years as construction industry leader](#)
Insight Magazine

[Why we celebrate the end of slavery on Juneteenth](#)
History & Culture | National Geographic

Also

[How Black Union soldiers made Juneteenth possible](#)
History & Culture | National Geographic

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Germany rolls out the red carpet for Hessen-Wisconsin anniversary celebrations](#)
OnMilwaukee.com

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Robin Shepard's new book documents Wisconsin's brewing heritage](#)
Madison Magazine

[Sculpture will be a key feature of Madison's new Imagination Center](#)
The Capital Times

[James Weldon Johnson | A Poet to His Baby Son](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[New "Disclosure Day" film smashes box office expectations; screenwriter WI native](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com

Performing Arts

Dance

[Why Has the Pointe Shoe Been So Resistant to Change?](#)
Dance Magazine

Music

[Ashwaubenon's new bandshell comes with musical message built right in](#)
Green Bay Press-Gazette

Presenting

[Judge Orders Kennedy Center to Make a Plan for Staying Open](#)
The New York Times

[Kennedy Center to establish new endowment in Trump's name after court forces name change](#)
CBS News

Theater/Opera

[Milwaukee's First Accessible Theater Opens Doors to All](#)
Urban Milwaukee, Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

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

[The Triumph of Nature: Art Nouveau from the Chrysler Museum of Art](#)
Paine Art Center and Gardens
Through October 4

Museum to host immigration exhibit
Wisconsin Rapids City Times
July 2 – August 24

CoPA Milwaukee and Art★Bar Present Annual Juried Photography Exhibition
Urban Milwaukee
July 10 – August 26

Creative Space - An Arts Retreat
Spectrum School of the Arts , Inc.
October 23 – 25

Arts and Creativity in Education

Marathon County Historical Society launches new history camp for kids
Wausau Pilot and Review
July 7 – 10

Hours Extended for MPS Youth Twilight Centers This Summer
Urban Milwaukee
Summer

Community Arts

The Night Market returns to downtown Wausau | Your Wausome Weekend Guide
Wausonian
June 17 – 23

3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 18-21 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
June 18 – 21

Cranberry Blossom Festival returns to Wisconsin Rapids June 18-21
WSAW
June 18 – 21

Folk Arts/Folklife

Enjoy Native dance and culture at the 52nd annual Oneida Pow wow
WUWM
June 26 – 28

Literary Arts/Libraries

Waunakee library to host acclaimed Wisconsin author
Waunakee Tribune Enterprise
June 24

Media Arts

[Radio Milwaukee & Third Ward Beer Garden Launch Sunday Sessions Music Series](#)

Urban Milwaukee

June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18

Performing Arts

Music

[Pops Band is back on the band shell June 17 in Kenosha](#)

Kenosha News

June 17

Presenting

[Radio Milwaukee & Third Ward Beer Garden Launch Sunday Sessions Music Series](#)

Urban Milwaukee

June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18

Theater/Opera

[REEFER MADNESS: The Musical](#)

Outskirts Theatre Company

June 19 – 28

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

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

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

Urban Milwaukee

Deadline: June 26

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

NEW [PhotoMidwest Biennial Exhibition 2026](#)

Café | Photo Midwest

July 1

NEW [Something's Fishy](#)

Spectrum School of the Arts, Inc.

Deadline: July 5

Calling all Artists: Reimagining Wisconsin Through Art

Kids Forward

Deadline: July 6

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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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