

# WISCONSIN ARTS NEWS



Partnering with Artists and Organizations for Our Wisconsin Communities

**June 18, 2026**

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.” – Paul McCartney

“Irresponsibility is part of the pleasure of all art; it is the part the schools cannot recognize.”  
– Pauline Kael

“Who what am I? My answer: I am the sum total of everything that went before me, of all I have been seen done, of everything done-to-me. I am everyone everything whose being-in-the-world affected was affected by mine. I am anything that happens after I've gone which would not have happened if I had not come. Nor am I particularly exceptional in this matter; each "I", everyone of the now-six-hundred-million-plus of us, contains a similar multitude. I repeat for the last time: to understand me, you'll have to swallow a world.” – Salman Rushdie

“No good movie is too long and no bad movie is short enough.” – Roger Ebert

“A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.” – H. L. Mencken

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Unexpected Birthplace of America's Most Famous Circus](#)  
*Overture Center*

[Rhythm Cafe MKE | Lucas LaBeau | VOL61-You Looked My Way](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

[Chilly Gonzales – ABBA-Masterclass](#)  
*WDR Rockpalast*

[New York Vocal Collective – Blackbird](#)  
*NYVC (New York Vocal Collective)*

[\(I've Been\) Searchin' So Long - Leonid & Friends \(Chicago cover\)](#)  
*Leonid & Friends*

*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](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Find a Make Music Wisconsin celebration near you!](#)  
*Make Music Wisconsin | Create Wisconsin*  
**June 21**

**NEW** [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

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

[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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)

*Open Door Arts*

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | June 19, 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

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**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**

**NEW** Creative Communities, Collective Futures

*2026 Chicago Regional | National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures*

**November 12 – 14 | Chicago, IL**

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**

New initiative aims to bring out-of-state creative professionals to Fox Cities

*Fox 11 News*

Birds in Art is On Its Way | Woodson Wanderings

*Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

Riverside Elementary students earn top honors among Marathon County kids in Wisconsin Agriculture Essay Contest

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

[Boys & Girls Club of Wausau Area to expand to Merrill](#)  
*Wausau Pilot & Review*

[Wisconsin's K-12 schools face declining enrollment, rising costs](#)  
*Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

### **Community Arts**

[Book Now!](#)  
*Art Tours MKE*

### **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Wisconsin Originals: Madison-born Thornton Wilder wrote a classic](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[Jane Yolen | Cedar Waxwings Unmasked](#)  
*Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation*

### **Performing Arts**

#### **Dance**

[Pushing Forward, Onstage and Off | Misty Copeland](#)  
*The Big Ideas: What Drives Us? | The New York Times*

#### **Theater/Opera**

[Bonus Content - Actor Randall Duk Kim & Director Annie Occhiogrosso - Pt. 2](#)  
*Play On Podcasts*

Also

[Bonus Content - Actor Randall Duk Kim & Director Annie Occhiogrosso - Pt. 1](#)  
*Play On Podcasts*

### **Other**

[The Demand Curve for Wonder - Time, labor, and the price of consciousness in America's creative industries.](#)  
*Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®*

[Donors Don't Just Want a Relationship — They Want Belonging](#)  
*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

[Bill Bedford | Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](#)

*Isthmus*

**Through September 6**

[Chetek Public Arts League celebrates local artists with public display](#)

*Chetek Alert*

**Through October | Exhibit**

**June 29, July 15 | Introductory Art Sessions**

[Area Guide Spotlight | Brewery Pottery](#)

*American Players Theatre*

**Ongoing**

### Community Arts

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss June 18-21 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)

*Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune*

**June 18 – 21**

[What to do in Madison this weekend: June 18-21, 2026](#)

*Isthmus*

**June 18 – 21**

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: June 18-21](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**June 18 – 21**

[Juneteenth celebrations, parades, and events in Wisconsin—June 19-21.](#)

*Up North News*

**June 19 – 21**

[23 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**This Weekend**

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Celebrate Pride. Celebrate with Dad](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

**This Weekend**

[Summer Favorite ArtBlaze Reveals 2026 Lineup of Music, Dance and Interactive Art on Milwaukee's Lakefront](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**July 30, August 6, 20**

[New Year. New Venue. Same Funk!](#)

*Community Arts & Funk Festival*

**August 16**

[Arts](#)

*Madison Magazine*

**Various**

[Wausau Area Events](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Various**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Written in the stars](#)

*Isthmus*

**June 23**

## **Media Arts**

[Bill Bedford | Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](#)

*Isthmus*

**Through September 6**

[Wisconsin-made movie coming to Milwaukee this weekend](#)

*WISN*

**This Weekend**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[Find a Make Music Wisconsin celebration near you!](#)

*Make Music Wisconsin | Create Wisconsin*

**June 21**

[America at 250: A Symphonic Celebration](#)

*Birch Creek Music Performance Center*

**July 4**

Also

[Events & Tickets](#)

*Birch Creek Music Performance Center*  
**Summer Concert Season**

**Presenting**

[Your Guide to Wisconsin Artists Performing at Summerfest 2026](#)  
*Milwaukee Magazine*  
**June 18 – 20, 25 – 27, July 2 – 4**

[2026 Lineup | Levitt AMP Sheboygan Music Series](#)  
*John Michael Kohler Arts Center*  
**Series**

[2026-2027 Black Box Sessions: R&B/Neo-Soul](#)  
*Wisconsin Union Theater*  
**Series**

**Theater/Opera**

[‘Mary Poppins’ comes to life at Veninga Theater](#)  
*Wausau Pilot & Review*  
**June 18 – 21**

**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**

The Vanguard Award  
*Remuseum*  
**Deadline: June 22**

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*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 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**

**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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