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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Art is science made clear.” – Jean Cocteau

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.” – Robert Frost

“To have great poets, there must be great audiences, too.” – Walt Whitman

“One is happy as a result of one's own efforts, once one knows the necessary ingredients of happiness — simple tastes, a certain degree of courage, self denial to a point, love of work, and, above all, a clear conscience.” – George Sand

“A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as the joke he resents.” – Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

“One learns in life to keep silent and draw one's own confusions.” – Cornelia Otis Skinner

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[A leader in Milwaukee's theater community retires after 33 years.](#)  
*Milwaukee PBS*

[Wisconsin Life | Why this Ojibwe jingle dress is considered medicine](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*

[How to Invite Creativity into Your Life | Rose B. Simpson, Debbie Millman](#)  
*TED*

[Biggest ever live choir sings 'Love Is In The Air' \(John Paul Young\) in Brisbane](#)  
*Pub Choir*

*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** [WAB Virtual Office Hours](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

**July 21 @ 11 am – 12:30 pm | For Artists**

**July 21 @ 1 pm – 2:30 pm | For Organizations**

**NEW** [Wisconsin State Fair Earns Nomination for Best State Fair](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Vote through July 27**

**NEW** [Midwest Takeaways from the National Survey of Artists](#)

*Arts Midwest*

**NEW** [Case Study: Centering the Art of Accessibility](#)

*Arts Midwest*

[National Endowment for the Arts Highlights the Importance of Arts and Culture at the Great American State Fair](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Through July 10**

[Celebrating AMERICA250: Independence Day on the Capitol Square](#)

*Wisconsin America250 Commission | Wisconsin Veterans Museum*

**July 4**

**NEW** [Sharing the Spirit of America: A Nationwide Reading of the Declaration of Independence](#)

*Wisconsin America250 Commission | Wisconsin Veterans Museum*

**July 8**

[Artist Collectives, Centers, Cooperatives | Creative Copy #33](#)

*Wisconsin Arts Board*

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

<a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>
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[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)  
*Open Door Arts*

**NEW** [NCN Articles of Interest | June 23, 2026](#)  
*National Creativity Network*

## Job Opportunities

### 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**

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**

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**

[\[PHOTOS\] In Just Five Days, Menomonie Welcomed 15 Murals Thanks To 200 Artists](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

Also

[Students, staff help turn community into a canvas at mural event](#)  
*La Crosse Tribune*

[Meet the international artists vying to leave their mark on the LakeWay](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[Catura's Art & Framing to close after nearly 4 decades in business](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[The Wisconsin boneyard where giant fiberglass mascots go to die](#)  
*Chicago Reader*

[Art alert: Creative kaleidoscope offers new view](#)  
*BloomingtonMN.gov*

### **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Beautiful Ones, Toy Story 5 Reminded Me What Really Matters](#)  
*Laketta Caldwell | LinkedIn*

### **Arts and Healthcare**

[Arts for health | Daisy Fancourt](#)  
*EXPeditions - The living library of knowledge and Leverhulme Trust*

[Get Moving! An excerpt from Daisy Fancourt's Art Cure on the science behind the arts and healthier living](#)  
*Stanford Social Innovation Review | Stanford University*

### **Community Arts**

[Herzfeld Board Announces Nearly \\$900,000 in New Arts and Culture Grants](#)  
*Herzfeld Foundation*

June 2026  
*Imagine MKE*

Eau Claire Named One Of America's 'Best Small Cities' In Data-Heavy Report  
*Volume One Magazine*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

LOCAL LIT: 'The Second Mallard' | BJ Hollars  
*Volume One Magazine*

Eau Claire's 2026 Summer Reading Roadmap  
*Volume One Magazine*

Petra Kuppers | Found on the Pond Deck  
*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

John Sieger Combo Announces Release of First Album, "Swearing in Cursive"  
*Urban Milwaukee*

Music Policy: What Works Across the Country and the Midwest  
*Arts Midwest*

Immersive Live Music Concerts: How Silence Wang Uses World-Building to Transform the Audience Experience  
*Arts Management & Technology Laboratory*

### **Presenting**

Things Just Work: 3 Delightful Days At Blue Ox Music Festival 2026  
*JamBase*

How does the Kennedy Center board make decisions? This legal filing sheds some light  
*Culture | NPR*

### **Theater/Opera**

Milwaukee actor John Kishline was committed to raising questions  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

Remembering Dominique Noth  
*Shepherd Express*  
**August 2**

We the (Theatre) People  
*American Theatre*

## Other

Nonprofit Leaders Have Some Blunt Advice for Their Funders  
*The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

The Unexpected Value of Volunteers | Jan Masaoka  
*NonProfit Quarterly*

Investing in Creativity as Social Infrastructure  
*Stanford Social Innovation Review | Stanford University*

U.S. Giving Hits \$617B. Has Great Wealth Transfer Begun?  
*The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

## WHEN YOU GO

For more event listings, please go to the new Wisconsin Events page on TravelWisconsin.com: <https://www.travelwisconsin.com/events>.

## Arts and Creativity in Education

Shell Lake Arts Center announces Concert Band Camp  
*Spooner Advocate*  
**July 5 – 10**

## Community Arts

Culture on the River: A Summer Celebration of Community, Culture, and Connection in Sauk P  
*Fox 47 | WMSN*  
**Alternating Tuesdays through Early Fall**

## Literary Arts/Libraries

Author Al Cornell to speak at Viroqua library  
*Vernon County Times*  
**July 16**

## Performing Arts

### Presenting

In River Falls and Hudson, summer sounds like a song in the park  
*Hudson Star-Observer*  
**Various | Summer**

### **Theater/Opera**

Red Barn Theatre presents musical 'Come From Away'  
*Rice Lake Chronotype*  
**July 8 – 18**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

NEW July 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**

PhotoMidwest Biennial Exhibition 2026

*Café | Photo Midwest*

**July 1**

Seed Art Contest Will Debut Inaugural Exhibit At Dunn County Fair

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: July 1**

Artist Application and Selection Process

*Upper Peninsula Folklife Festival*

**Deadline: July 1**

Downtown Mural Project Request for Qualifications

*Rhineland Area Chamber of Commerce*

**Deadline: July 5**

Something's Fishy

*Spectrum School of the Arts, Inc.*

**Deadline: July 5**

**NEW** 14th Annual Youth Art Show

*Walker's Point Center for the Arts*

**Submission 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**

**NEW** [Midwest Tintamarresque](#)

*Chippewa Valley Museum + UW-Eau Claire*

**Deadline: July 14**

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

*Seehafernews.com*

**July 17 | Late Deadline**

**NEW** [The 7th VH Award Open Call Expands Support for Media Artists](#)

*Colossal*

**Deadline: July 21**

[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**

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

*Latinos Organizing for Understanding and Development (LOUD)*

**Deadline: August 1**

[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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