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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

"In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute." – Thurgood Marshall

"I think its so cool that you can pick up the guitar and create something that didn't exist 5 minutes ago. You can write something that no ones ever heard before. You have music at your fingertips." – Michelle Branch

"When artists create pictures and thinkers search for laws and formulate thoughts, it is in order to salvage something from the great dance of death, to make something that lasts longer than we do." – Hermann Hesse

"Inspiration is not the exclusive privilege of poets or artists. There is, there has been, there will always be a certain group of people whom inspiration visits. It's made up of all those who've consciously chosen their calling and do their job with love and imagination. It may include doctors, teachers, gardeners — I could list a hundred more professions. Their work becomes one continuous adventure as long as they manage to keep discovering new challenges in it. Difficulties and setbacks never quell their curiosity. A swarm of new questions emerges from every problem that they solve. Whatever inspiration is, it's born from a continuous "I don't know."" – Wisława Szymborska

"I'm not a person who embraces challenges. I run from challenges. I break world records running from challenges." – Larry David

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Artist repairs mural of Giannis Antetokounmpo in downtown Milwaukee after vandalism](#)  
*CBS 58 | WDJT*

[Wisconsin Woodcarver Creates Patriotic Tribute in Tree](#)  
*News8000.com*

[Deaf StorySlam 2026 | Kaishawna Fleming](#)  
*Ex Fabula*

[The hunt for the blackest black | Stories in Colour Podcast S2 Ep7](#)  
*The National Gallery*

[Best of Ballet on Great Performances](#)  
*Great Performances | PBS*

[Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris - After the Gold Rush \(Official Music Video\) | TRIO](#)  
*Linda Ronstadt*

*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** [We are Hiring an IS Resources Support Tech \(aka Grants and Information Specialist\)](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*  
**Application Deadline: July 8**

**NEW** [Spotlighting Wisconsin - Racine Theatre Guild](#)  
*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**

De Pere cultural center hosts Green Bay art studio after fire

*NBC 26*

A Night to Remember | Woodson Wanderings

*Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

2 Roots Art & Wine Gallery Earns Wine Spectator 2026 Award

*Volume One Magazine*

Old World Wisconsin keeps history alive

*Wisconsin Newspaper Association*

Trump administration quietly removed mentions of slavery from Independence Hall, Thomas Jefferson portrait

*MSN, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

**Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Boys and Girls Club summer program builds “Wonderful Rapids” for local youth](#)  
*Wisconsin Rapids City Times*

[Small flowers appearing in cracks across Wisconsin spark conversation about LGBTQ+ youth homelessness](#)  
*TMJ4 Milwaukee*

[Trade Screen Time for a Creative Hobby](#)  
*Our Youth's Well-Being | Psychology Today*

[“Creating a Curriculum-Based Board Game From Scratch”](#)  
*Game-Based Learning | Edutopia*

[UW Cinematheque’s summer schedule is one casualty of major pipe leak](#)  
*Isthmus*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[The Science of Arts & Health with Dr. Jill Sonke](#)  
*NLC's CitiesSpeak with Clarence Anthony | National League of Cities*

[Expanding the Circle: Practical Strategies to Build Support for Creative Aging](#)  
*Lifetime Arts*

[An Ordinary Mind on an Ordinary Day – What novelists can teach neuroscientists about consciousness.](#)  
*Lapham’s Quarterly*

[Why We Should Protect Childlike Imagination](#)  
*Proof of Humanity | Psychology Today*

## **Community Arts**

['History belongs to everyone': Portage County group seeks community stories for anniversary project](#)  
*WAOW*

[Wisconsin’s 22 Most Influential Asian American Leaders for 2026, Part 4](#)  
*Madison365*

Also

[Wisconsin's 22 Most Influential Asian American Leaders, Part 3](#)  
*Madison365*

[New Mosaics Mark the Spot for River Cleanup Updates](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

[2025 Marked 'Largest Season Of Growth' Ever For E.C. Community Foundation](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[Where do Indigenous people fit in the 250th celebration of the U.S.?](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[2026 Poetry & Fiction Contest Winners Awarded](#)  
*Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters*

[Lake Geneva Public Library hosts "Storywagon: Dino Discovery" program](#)  
*Lake Geneva Regional News*

[Angela Jackson | Miz Rosa Rides the Bus](#)  
*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## **Media Arts**

[UW Cinematheque's summer schedule is one casualty of major pipe leak](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Wisconsin Originals: Spencer Tracy got his start in acting at Ripon College](#)  
*America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

['A tutu takes 80 hours': The gruelling work of English National Ballet dressmakers](#)  
*The iPaper*

### **Music**

[Wrapping up Concerts on The Square with 'Home to Madison,' just off Highway 51](#)  
*Wisconsin Life*

[12 best new Milwaukee music releases to check out for July 2026](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[How 'catchy' music is driven by rhythmic patterns](#)  
*The Conversation*

### **Presenting**

[Opera House Square eyes major expansion in Oshkosh](#)  
*NBC 26*

Also

[Oshkosh buys High Ave. properties for Grand Opera House expansion](#)  
*Oshkosh Northwestern*

[\[PHOTOS\] 2026 Blue Ox Music Fest Dazzles With Midwest Bluegrass Magic](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Claude Helped a Hacker Find a Way to Issue Tickets to Almost Every US Music Festival](#)  
*WIRED*

## **Theater/Opera**

[‘Abigail and John: the First Couple of the United States’ puts the second president in the spotlight](#)  
*Wisconsin Public Radio*

[The Adaptive Leadership Challenges Facing Regional Theater](#)  
*Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman*

## **Other**

[Why Your Direct Mail Envelope Strategy Matters More Than You Think](#)  
*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**

[artZ Gallery proudly presents: “Celebrate the Moment”](#)  
*The Baldwin Bulletin*  
**Through August 30**

[Free First Friday: July 2026](#)  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**July 3**

[Local artist unveils photo exhibit inspired by love letters found at Myrick Park](#)  
*WXOW*  
**Opens July 3**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[Kids From Wisconsin Perform Tonight at Franklin Park](#)

*TCHDailyNews.com*

**July 2**

## Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: July 2-5, 2026](#)

*Isthmus*

**July 2 – 5**

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Fourth of July Weekend](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**July 2 – 5**

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Celebrate the semiquincentennial](#)

*Hudson Star-Observer*

**This Weekend**

[Community Events Calendar: July 2-13](#)

*The Verona Press*

**July 2 – 13**

## [Arts](#)

*Madison Magazine*

**Various**

[Wausau Area Events](#)

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Various**

## Media Arts

[Where you can see the Bob Uecker documentary](#)

*Spectrum News 1*

**Starting July 23**

## Performing Arts

### **Music**

[Fine Arts Quartet Expands Its Forces](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**July 10, 12**

### **Presenting**

Home again: Country singer, UW-RF grad Hailey James to headline River Falls Days July 9

*Pierce County Journal*

**July 9**

Michael Monroe Music: "If You Could Read My Mind" Michael Monroe's Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot

*Ashland Daily Press*

**July 11**

Country Thunder Wisconsin to Feature Talent Behind Luke Bryan and Cody Johnson Hits at Its Songwriters Showcase (Exclusive)

*American Songwriter*

**July 16 – 19**

## **Theater/Opera**

Remembering Dominique Noth

*Urban Milwaukee*

**August 2**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEW** Residency Opportunities | July + August

*Artist Communities Alliance*

**Various | July + August**

**NEW** July 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

*Colossal*

**Deadlines: Various**

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**

[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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