



**July 6, 2026**

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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water bath is to the body." – Oliver Wendell Holmes

"A true poet does not bother to be poetical. Nor does a nursery gardener scent his roses." – Jean Cocteau

"I always thought that one of the reasons why a painter likes especially to have other painters look at his or her work is the shared experience of having pushed paint around." – Chuck Close

"Grief is the agony of an instant, the indulgence of grief the blunder of a life." – Benjamin Disraeli

"There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and will be lost." – Martha Graham

"Without promotion, something terrible happens... nothing!" P. T. Barnum

"The problem with the future is that it keeps turning into the present." Bill Watterson

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

[Local Yarn Shop in Wisconsin You NEED to Visit!](#) 🧶 | [The Last Sheepicorn Tour](#)

*Jen Geigley Knits*

[In Focus: Director of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum reflects on America250](#)  
*Spectrum News 1*

[Community celebrates 250th with painted hydrants](#)  
*Channel 3000 / News 3 Now*

[Brandi Carlile performs 'America the Beautiful' at the Statue of Liberty \(with Sista Strings\)](#)  
*ABC News and Brandi Carlile*

[Saturday Sessions: Punch Brothers perform "This Land Is Your Land"](#)  
*CBS Mornings and Punch Brothers*

[Chicago - Saturday In The Park \[Official Video\]](#)  
*Chicago Band*

*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 A July 4 Message from Chairman Mary Anne Carter](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts Blog*

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

**Application Deadline: July 8**

[The Wisconsin Arts Board Congratulates Its FY27 Creative Communities Grantees](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[The Wisconsin Arts Board Congratulates Its FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grantees](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

[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**

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

[Wisconsin State Fair Earns Nomination for Best State Fair](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**Vote through July 27**

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

[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**

[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**

[Job Board](#)  
*Create Wisconsin*  
**Application Deadlines | Various**

[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**

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**

Creative Processes: Expanding Impact Through Arts & Culture.

*Health & Wellbeing Capacity Building Series: From Vision to Action | National League of Cities*

**July 9**

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**

Wisconsin artist Fred Smith's American flag is fixed and flying at Wisconsin's Concrete Park

*Wisconsin Public Radio*

For The Playful Artist: 'Midwest Tintamarresque' Calls For Submissions

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: July 14**

Independence 250 Call for Creativity

*ARTS for ALL Wisconsin*

**Deadline: September 17**

[Let July Just Be ... Artistry](#)

*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore*

[White House Criticizes Smithsonian Museum for 'Extreme Political Activism'](#)

*The New York Times*

Also

[White House report accuses Smithsonian leadership of radical ideology](#)

*Madison365, CNN*

[On America's 250th, Smithsonian Museums Offer Respite and Reflection](#)

*The New York Times*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Antigo student receives Cinema United scholarship](#)

*GazetteXtra*

[Music Education Across Five Thousand Years and One Conclusion: What the Record Proves - Article IX and the conclusion of The Founding Disciplines](#)

*Bob Morrison*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[Dane County explores new treatment for mental health: Go see a show](#)

*Mental Health | Social Prescribing | Wisconsin State Journal*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Literacy Network committed to refugee services, despite funding cut](#)

*Isthmus*

[Circe Maia | I Didn't Know](#)

*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

[East side Milwaukee shaped his life. Now, he's making a video game on it.](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[Hollywood Movies Have Always Been About America. On the 250th July 4, Are They Still?](#)

*Variety*

[Netflix revives Gene Wilder's voice with AI for new 'Wonka' reality series](#)

*Channel3000, Reuters*

[Tilly Norwood to Lead New Movie 'Misaligned,' Marking Feature Debut for AI 'Actor'](#)

*Variety*

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Porch Concert Series in Green Bay's Astor neighborhood brings live music into the community](#)

*WBAY*

[How orchestras have celebrated America's major anniversaries](#)

*The Well-Tempered Ear*

### Presenting

[Geoffrey Asmus Will Bring PATRIAUTISM To Edinburgh Fringe - The Wisconsin-based comedian brings sharp stand-up on American history and politics to the Fringe.](#)

*BroadwayWorld.com*

[This Representative Fought Trump Over the Kennedy Center and Won](#)

*The New York Times*

### Theater/Opera

[Great Pride, Also Pain - As the nation celebrates its 250th birthday, can we find in the performing arts a reflection of a common identity, even cause for patriotism?](#)

*Editor's Note | American Theatre*

[Naming What Ails Us](#)

*Amy Wratchford*

## 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 Whitewater Heritage 250 Exhibit \(July 2 – July 26, 2026\) and the Whitewater Arts Alliance "Celebrating the Arts and Creating Community—250 Campaign"](#)

*Whitewater Banner*

**Through July 26**

[He preserves family history by making intricate cardboard sculptures](#)

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

**Through November 15**

2nd Annual Lake Loop Art Tour  
*Lake Loop Art Tour*  
**September 19**

## **Community Arts**

That's Entertainment: Week of 07/06/26  
*Eau Claire Leader-Telegram*  
**This Week**

What to do in Madison this week: July 6-9, 2026  
*Isthmus*  
**July 6 – 9**

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

Library Happenings: Programs, movies for all stages of life  
*Superior Telegram*  
**Various**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

Residency Opportunities | July + August  
*Artist Communities Alliance*  
**Various | July + August**

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**

[WinterWorks New Play Festival Announcement](#)

*Third Avenue PlayWorks*

**Submissions Accepted July 6 – August 2**

[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**

[Midwest Tintamarresque](#)

*Chippewa Valley Museum + UW-Eau Claire*

**Deadline: July 14**

Also

**NEW** [For The Playful Artist: 'Midwest Tintamarresque' Calls For Submissions](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: July 14**

Preparations Begin for Second Annual Sheboygan Film Festival  
*Seehafernews.com*  
**July 17 | Late Deadline**

The 7th VH Award Open Call Expands Support for Media Artists  
*Colossal*  
**Deadline: July 21**

Local Artists Encouraged to Submit Pieces for 2026 Bronzeville Artwalk  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**Submission Deadline: July 26**

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**

**NEW** Independence 250 Call for Creativity  
*ARTS for ALL Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: September 17**

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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