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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music.” – Gustav Mahler

“Every production of an artist should be the expression of an adventure of his soul.” – W. Somerset Maugham

“A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it.” – Jean de La Fontaine

“I work in whatever medium likes me at the moment.” – Marc Chagall

“There must be understanding between the artist and the people. In the best ages of art that has always been the case. Genius can probably run on ahead and seek out new ways. But the good artists who follow after genius — and I count myself among these — have to restore the lost connection once more.” – Käthe Kollwitz

“I don’t think writers are sacred, but words are. They deserve respect. If you get the right ones in the right order, you might nudge the world a little or make a poem that children will speak for you when you are dead.” – Tom Stoppard

“Always listen to experts. They’ll tell you what can’t be done, and why. Then do it.” – Robert A. Heinlein

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Madison dance troupe kills it on 'America's Got Talent'](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Humans of Oshkosh Conversations | "Books, Healing & Author Apothecary" | Felicia Clark Grace Lim](#)

[The Moth GrandSLAM Winner | "I Completely Lost Control of My Classroom"](#)
Matthew Dicks

[Optimistic \(Sounds of Blackness\) - Kings Return | A cappella](#)
Kings Return

[Lyyra: America by Paul Simon arr. Blake Morgan](#)
Lyyra and 2 more

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 [Reading of Declaration today at First Capitol in Belmont](#)
Wisconsin State Journal
Today

NEW [Measuring the Arts: National Arts Statistics and Evidence-based Reporting Center](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

Also
[Artists and Other Cultural Workers](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[Indicator C.5: How Many Small Businesses Are Involved in the Arts?](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[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

[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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

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

Open Door Arts

NEW [NCN Articles of Interest | June 23, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

NEW [Capacity Building Manager](#)

Lifetime Arts

Deadline: July 24

[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

NEW Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

July 29 | Paid Internships and First-Jobs as Creative Youth Development

August 19 | Creative Youth Development Building Backstage, Media, and Production Pathways

September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work

October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

2026 LEAD Conference

Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability

August 11 | Capacity Building Workshops

August 12 - 14 | Conference

NEW Tradition Bearers, Live!

Wisconsin Humanities

August 20

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

Viewpoint Summer Photo Adventure Contest

Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

Submission Deadline: August 28

The only bias uncovered in the White House's Smithsonian report is its own

The Washington Post

Also

Inside Trump's Ideological Fight With the Smithsonian

The New York Times

Another Smithsonian Director Faces the White House's Wrath

The New York Times

The History at the Smithsonian That the White House Finds Unpatriotic

The New York Times

Arts and Creativity in Education

Former Tremper orchestra director preserves piece of music history

Kenosha News

Heywood Music Studios students recognized during awards ceremony

AOL.com, Stevens Point Journal

Mindful media matchup: Launch learning with the PBS KIDS Games app

PBS Wisconsin

Wisconsin STEM shuttle program marks 20 years of taking science on the road

Wisconsin Public Radio

Wisconsin DPI, Legislators Working on Plan to Improve Math Education

Urban Milwaukee, Wisconsin Public Radio

County in negotiations to sell theater building at former UW campus

WSAW

STEM University Invites Artists to Work with Rare Dino-Era Clay

Arts Midwest

[Perceptions of Diversity and Belonging Among Arts Graduates of Color](#)
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project

[The Forecast for Arts Grads: Partly Sunny, With Strong Gusts of AI](#)
The Chronicle of Higher Education

[If colleges don't leave grads better off, federal financial aid could be on the line](#)
All Things Considered | NPR

Arts and Healthcare

[Born ready for the music](#)
eLife

[Does leisure activity matter for epigenetic aging? Analyses of arts engagement and physical activity in the UK Household Longitudinal Study](#)
Innovation in Aging | Oxford Academic

[Art Should Be Part Of Your Daily Health Routine — 8 Ways To Add More To Your Life](#)
MindBodyGreen

[Arts in Health Research Roundup | July 2026](#)
Aly Maier & Arts in Health, Inc.

Community Arts

[Brewers pitcher Jacob Misiorowski winning fans with unique hobbies | Lori Nickel](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[The Power of Arts Partnerships in Rural Places](#)
Arts Midwest

[Calling Presenters! Share Your Proposal for the 2026 Chicago Regional](#)
National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures
Deadline: July 13

Literary Arts/Libraries

[New 'Writing Forward' podcast highlights writers with Wisconsin ties](#)
Isthmus

[Get an early look of the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park opening in September](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

[Elisha Library in Wisconsin introduces unique 'Library of Things'](#)
AOL.com

[Amy Gerstler | Bon Courage](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Performing Arts

Dance

[Raised on Superheroes and Bruce Lee, He's Now a Principal Dancer](#)
The New York Times

Music

[This Young Wisconsin Artist is Nominated for 2026 Josie Music Award](#)
What's Brewing Wisconsin | TMJ4 Milwaukee

[A 'Battle of the Bands' Is Sending One Local Group to Los Angeles](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[Ladies First: Kelsey Lu](#)
HYFIN

[Few Composers Can Sell Out Arenas. He's One of Them.](#)
The New York Times

Presenting

[Wisconsin Center's Marty Brooks to appeal firing, seeks open session to make case](#)
Milwaukee Business Journal

Other

[The struggle of the entrepreneur-manager-technician - Arts managers predict the future, reflect on the past, and act in the present – all at once.](#)
ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor

[Why We Rarely Learn from Leadership Transitions](#)
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

[Same art, different name: would you see or hear it the same way?](#)
Psyche

[Your Year-End Campaign Starts Now](#)
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

[How Nonprofits Can Stay Visible Without Becoming a Target](#)
NonProfit Pro

Mergers Can Save Nonprofits. Here's How to Get One Right.
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>.

Visual Arts/Museums

As ART House 360's artist in residence, Madison artist Brooklyn Doby's artwork will be showcased during the month of July

Madison365

Through July

Neville Museum exhibit explores Wisconsin's Ice Age with fossils, mammoth skeleton and immersive art

NBC 26

Through September 6

Douglas Hyslop reception | Carnelian Art Gallery

Isthmus

July 10 | Reception

July 10 – 31 | Exhibition

Let's Face It: Drawings by Pete Moran

Art Dose Projects

July 11 | Artist Reception

July 11 – August 15 | Exhibition

Woodlanders Gathering

Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts

July 16 – 18

Make metal art at Milwaukee's annual Frida Fest

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

July 18 – 19 | Fest

July 19 | Workshop

Artists' Reception: Wence Martinez & Roberto Torres Mata

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters

July 31 - October 11 | Exhibitions In Motion and Rooted

August 13 | Artists' Reception

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show welcomes quilt and fiber artist Victoria Findlay Wolfe, Sept. 10-12

PBS Wisconsin
September 10 – 12

Arts and Creativity in Education

Masterpieces at Birch Creek: Experience Symphony, July 9–11
Birch Creek Music Performance Center
July 9 – 11

Wendy & DB's Blues Beats for Little Feet!
Kids in the Rotunda Summer Session | Overture Center for the Arts
July 11

Birch Creek Celebrates the Sounds of Big Band Jazz with 2026 Concert Series
Birch Creek Music Performance Center
July 15 – August 8

Community Arts

Uncover The Sultry Sins Of Eau Claire Summers Past
Volume One Magazine
Begins July 9

3 weekend events you don't want to miss July 9-12 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
July 9 – 12

Manitowoc weekend events include music, fish fry, submarine sleepover
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
This Weekend

Folk Arts/Folklife

Tradition Bearers, Live!
Wisconsin Humanities
August 20

Literary Arts/Libraries

BOOK BLURB: 'My Cousin Krissy' By Mary Pierce
Volume One Magazine
July 10

Sanctuary Book Talk & Signing with Jim DeVita
American Players Theatre

Performing Arts

Music

[Why Superior says there's no such thing as too many free summer concerts](#)

Morning Edition | Wisconsin Public Radio

July 8

Presenting

[Elkhart Lake acoustic festival features Midwest songwriters July 11](#)

Sheboygan Press

July 11

[After six decades of performing Graham Nash still has plenty to say](#)

Isthmus

July 20

[Ashley for the Arts sets stage for 3-day festival](#)

Woodworking Network

August 6 – 8

[Former Country Jam Festival Grounds Purchased By Local Couple](#)

Volume One Magazine

September 12

Theater/Opera

[The Mousetrap performances begin on July 8 at Peninsula Players Theatre](#)

Peninsula Players

July 8 - 26

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

NEA FY 2027 Grants for Arts Projects Guidelines Now Available

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadlines: July 9

NEW Calling Presenters! Share Your Proposal for the 2026 Chicago Regional

National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures

Deadline: July 13

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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