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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If we are to change our world view, images have to change. The artist now has a very important job to do. He’s not a little peripheral figure entertaining rich people, he’s really needed.” – David Hockney

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” – Lady Bird Johnson

“In life, as in art, the beautiful moves in curves.” – Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton

“I can get excitement watching rain on a puddle. And then I paint it. Now, I admit, there are not too many people who would find that exciting. But I would. And I want life thrilling and rich. And it is. I make sure it is.” – David Hockney

“We cross our bridges when we come to them, and burn them behind us, with nothing to show for our progress except a memory of the smell of smoke, and a presumption that once our eyes watered.” – Tom Stoppard

“Take your risks now; as you become older, you become more fearful and less flexible. And I mean that literally. I hurt my knee this week on the treadmill, and it wasn’t even on.” – Amy Poehler

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Congratulations Norman Gilliland](#)
Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra

[Check Out These Elementary Art Room Zones for Organizational Inspiration](#)
The Art of Education

[LCMF: Mile of Music Kickoff - 07.31.25](#)
Lawrence University Conservatory of Music

Also

[The Lawrence Chamber Music Festival returns to Appleton's Mile of Music later this summer](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio

July 20 – August 1

[New York Vocal Collective - Almost Like Being in Love](#)
NYVC (New York Vocal Collective)

[People Said This Performance Restored Their Faith in Real Music | The Renaissance Orchestra](#)
The Renaissance Orchestra

[Bonnie Tyler - Total Eclipse of the Heart \(Turn Around\) \(Official Video\)](#)
Bonnie Tyler

Also

[Bonnie Tyler, 'Total Eclipse of the Heart' and 'Holding Out for a Hero' Singer, Dies at 75](#)

Variety

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 [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

[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

[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

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

<u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u> <i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>

[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

NEW [Capacity Building Manager](#)
Lifetime Arts
Deadline: July 24

NEW [Human Resources Manager](#)
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Deadline: Until Filled

[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

[2026 National Forum on Education Policy](#)

Education Commission of the States

Through July 10

[The 2026 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference](#)

The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM

Through July 10 | St. Louis, MO

[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

[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

[Art That's Music to Our Ears | Woodson Wanderings](#)

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

[Stevens Point Sculpture Park sparks visitors' imagination and wonder](#)

Stevens Point Journal

Also

[What to know before you visit the Stevens Point Sculpture Park](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

[Here's the artwork you can explore at the Stevens Point Sculpture Park](#)

Stevens Point Journal

[White House report accuses Smithsonian museum of 'extreme political activism'](#)

The Washington Post

Also

[The only bias uncovered in the White House's Smithsonian report is its own](#)

The Washington Post

[The Smithsonian Has 6,724 Staff Members With a Mission to Increase and Diffuse Knowledge. Hear How They Work 'For the Common Good'](#)

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage

[A Huge Escalation in Trump's Smithsonian Meddling](#)

The Atlantic

Arts and Creativity in Education

[VAHS student awarded for 'exemplary composition'](#)

The Verona Press

[Youths showcase photos after bootcamp hosted by Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin Black Historical Society](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[Milwaukee youth showcase images made during photography bootcamp](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Brian Moulton named UW–Madison's senior director of federal relations](#)

UW-Madison News

[Gillaspy to move into new rural leadership role](#)

UW-Madison News

[Former UWSP president honored in new library](#)
Waupaca County News

Arts and Healthcare

[Healing through theater: Groundbreaking pilot program spotlights healthcare workers' stories](#)
Brooklyn Paper

Community Arts

[Gillaspy to move into new rural leadership role](#)
UW-Madison News

[Music, Friends & Food: A Weekend Itinerary in Beloit](#)
Fox 47 | WMSN

[Night-time Economy: How Music Makes Cities Great After Dark](#)
Sound Diplomacy

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Wisconsin's record-breaking viral whip-cracker](#)
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Stranger Than Fiction - A writer was accused of winning an award with an A.I.-generated story. His defense is proving more interesting than anything he's written.](#)
Slate

[William Matthews | Onions](#)
Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Chetek's Stardust Drive-In Theater Lights Up Once Again](#)
Volume One Magazine

Performing Arts

Dance

[What Does Dance Patriotism Look Like Today?](#)
Dance Magazine

Music

[Bonnie Tyler, singer of ballad 'Total Eclipse of the Heart,' has died at 75](#)
Obituaries | NPR

Also
[Bonnie Tyler, 'Total Eclipse of the Heart' and 'Holding Out for a Hero' Singer, Dies at 75](#)
Variety

Theater/Opera

[Duke Partners With Ford to Fund Performing Arts Tech Innovation - The Doris Duke Foundation has announced new grants to support technological infrastructure in the performing arts.](#)
American Theatre

Other

["Artists don't need pity, they need power." Can Artist Corporations revolutionise creative business?](#)
POV | It's Nice That

[Funders Are Losing the Race to Govern AI. Here's How They Can Catch Up.](#)
Opinion | 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

[Gabby's Dollhouse comes to Central Wisconsin Children's Museum](#)
Stevens Point Journal
July 17 – 26

[Midsummer Festival of the Arts](#)
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
July 18 – 19

[Red Arrow Park to host Wisconsin Sand Sculpting competition July 18-19](#)
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
July 18 – 19

[Groovin' in the Garden](#)
Mahogany Gallery, in collaboration with Racine Art Museum
July 23

Guest Artist Talk with Camry Ivory
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
July 25

Painting with Sound with Guest Artist Camry Ivory
Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum
July 30

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: July 9-12, 2026
Isthmus
July 9 – 12

13 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: July 9-12
Milwaukee Magazine
July 9 – 12

Iron Hodag sculpture to be unveiled Friday in Rhinelander
WXPR
July 10

14 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

Western Wisconsin Weekend: RF Days, Fun Fest, Legion Fest highlight jam-packed events docket
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx – Festa Italiana, Bastille Days, concerts, art fairs and more
620WTMJ
This Weekend

DECI to launch inaugural Eaux Claires Water Street Faire
Eau Claire Leader-Telegram
July 23

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

Culture and Community at Belgian Days

Door County Pulse

July 10 – 12

Performing Arts

Presenting

LIVE MUSIC – Moon Tunes | Riverside Park

La Crosse Local

July 9

Peanut Butter & Jam Concert Series opens July 9 in Kenosha

Kenosha News

July 9

Prusinsky to appear tonight at Florence's Music in the Park

Iron Mountain Daily News

July 9

Call & Response | Reggie Wilson/Fist & Heel Performance Group: The Reclamation

Lynden Sculpture Garden

July 11

Theater/Opera

Masquers turn up the suspense with 'Vintage Hitchcock'

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

July 15 – 16, 23 – 24

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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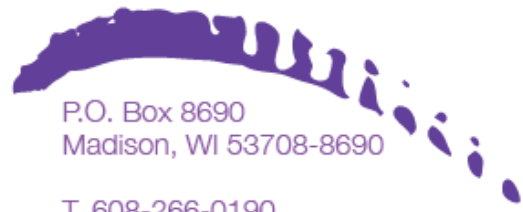
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