



July 20, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Sameness is the mother of disgust, variety the cure.” – Petrarch

“It is very good to copy what one sees; it is much better to draw what you can't see any more but is in your memory. It is a transformation in which imagination and memory work together. You only reproduce what struck you, that is to say the necessary.” – Edgar Degas

“Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.” – John Lewis

“You can lie to anyone in the world and even get away with it, perhaps, but when you are alone and look into your own eyes in the mirror, you can't sidestep the truth. Always be sure you can meet those eyes directly.” – Betty White

“Humor is a very, very important part of our life. It's not just laughing at a joke, it's an attitude toward life. And as the world gets crazier, it's more important to laugh at it. It's a survival technique.” – Bob Newhart

“Spend the afternoon. You can't take it with you.” – Annie Dillard

“He who believes that the past cannot be changed has not yet written his memoirs.” – Torvald Gahlin

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Leather artist Pamela Graham creates works of art from intuition | The Arts Page Milwaukee PBS](#)

[Waukesha nonprofit hopes to make crafting affordable, sustainable | FOX6 News Milwaukee](#)
FOX6 News Milwaukee

[Valley Fox | Mile of Music](#)
PBS Wisconsin

Also
[Live at the Lakefront: Valley Fox](#)
Milwaukee PBS

Hint: Valley Fox is introduced about 4:20 into the video.

[Los Lobos: NEA National Heritage Fellows Tribute Video \(2021\)](#)
National Endowment for the Arts

[New York City Ballet in Madrid | FULL EPISODE](#)
Great Performances | PBS

[TOP OF MY SCHOOL | A Musical Short Film](#)
Katherine Lynn-Rose

[Vienna Philharmonic: Vivaldi's "Summer"](#)
Vienna Philharmonic

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

[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

[How do arts graduates of color experience belonging? Join the conversation next Wednesday.](#)
SNAAP Chats | Strategic National Arts Alumni Project
July 22

[Spotlighting Wisconsin - Developing Artists, Murals, and Alliances \(DAMA\)](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

[Generative AI in the Performing Arts Survey](#)
Annie Dorsen and SMU DataArts
July through September

Annie Dorsen is partnering with SMU DataArts to conduct a study of the material impacts of generative AI on artists working in theater, dance, and live music. The survey explores how AI is affecting artists' income, employment opportunities, creative processes, administrative work, and future planning. Findings will help inform policy, advocacy, funding, and support efforts across the field.

This work is part of Artists Make Technology, a collaborative initiative anchored by Mozilla Foundation and the Doris Duke Foundation, in partnership with the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, with additional support from Ford Foundation.

[JEM Applications Due August 1](#)
Travel Wisconsin
Deadline: August 1

[Now Accepting Applications: 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Award](#)
Arts Midwest
Deadline: August 18

[Local Arts Agencies | Creative Copy #34](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

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

[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 | July 17, 2026](#)
National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

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

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

[Communications Coordinator](#)
LunART
Deadline: July 31

[Digital Marketing & Social Media Coordinator](#)
LunART
Deadline: July 31

Chief Philanthropy Officer

Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra

Deadline: Until Filled

Associate Director of Communications

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Deadline: Until Filled

Payroll and HR Generalist

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

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

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

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

[Kohler: A Devotion to Heritage, Craft and the Arts in Wisconsin](#)
Cool Hunting

[Door County Historical Society wins two top Wisconsin history awards](#)
Green Bay Press-Gazette

[National Railroad Museum celebrates 70 years of preserving railroad history](#)
WeAreGreenBay.com

Arts and Creativity in Education

[UWM instructor and entrepreneur is shaping Milwaukee's tech future](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

Arts and Healthcare

[Theatre to Reduce Discrimination in Healthcare](#)
Jameel Arts & Health Lab

[Guest Blog Post: Kinda Studios](#)
Neuroarts Resource Center

Community Arts

[Rhinelanders unveils 'The Iron Hodag' sculpture downtown](#)
Wisconsin Public Radio, WXPB

[See sand sculptures from Manitowoc's Red Arrow Beach festival](#)
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Brenda Shaughnessy | I Have a Time Machine](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Wisconsin Originals: Chris Farley broke barriers and furniture in equal measure](#)
America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Performing Arts

Music

What to know about Justin Vernon, the Eau Claire musician of Bon Iver
Up North News

Presenting

See photos from third annual Green Bay Fringe Festival
Green Bay Press-Gazette

AC/DC show rocks and shocks Camp Randall Stadium
Wisconsin State Journal

Also

Photos: AC/DC performs at Camp Randall on The Power Up Tour
Wisconsin State Journal

Theater/Opera

Opera In The Park ends early due to smokey air
WKOW

Are you ready to pack a massive punch into a tiny dramatic space? Mini Plays
Review is officially open for submissions for our upcoming issue!

Playwrights Ink

Deadline: August 31

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

Gelsy Verna's Pleading Monument

New City Art

Through September 27

Arts and Creativity in Education

Young Artists Recognized at First Northern Wisconsin WRAP-Kids Exhibit

Antigo Visual Arts

Through July 24

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: July 20-23, 2026

Isthmus

July 20 – 23

Why Two Rivers celebrates snow in July as SnowFest returns July 24-26
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
July 24 – 26

Media Arts

Gangsterism
Isthmus
August 13

Performing Arts

Presenting

Steely Dane Returns To Thrasher
Civic Media
September 25

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.

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 Through August 2

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

America@250: Colors of Freedom

Junior Artists

Submission Deadline: July 31

Midwest Tintamarresque

Chippewa Valley Museum + UW-Eau Claire

Extended Deadline: August 1

Also

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

Volume One Magazine

Extended Deadline: August 1

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

Now Accepting Applications: 2026 Midwest Culture Bearers Award

Arts Midwest

Deadline: August 18

Miller Museum Calls For Artists

Door County Pulse

Submission Deadline: August 21

Wisconsin Photography 2026

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: August 24

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Auditions

Master Singers of Milwaukee

September 1

Nordic Folk Arts & Cultural Traditions in the Upper Midwest

American-Scandinavian Foundation

Deadline: September 15

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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