



**July 21, 2026**

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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“The artist is the person who invents the means to bridge biological inheritance and the environments created by technological innovation.” – Marshall McLuhan

“Libraries are what’s best about us as a society: open, exciting, rich, informative, free, inclusive, engaging.” – Susan Orlean

“Writing has laws of perspective, of light and shade, just as painting does, or music. If you are born knowing them, fine. If not, learn them. Then rearrange the rules to suit yourself.” – Truman Capote

“It is not sufficient to see and to know the beauty of a work. We must feel and be affected by it.” – Voltaire

“Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?” – Henry Ward Beecher

“Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed.” – G. K. Chesterton

“Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit.” – Elbert Hubbard

### **VIDEO OF THE DAY**

INTERVIEW: Eaux Claire Water Street Faire  
*WEAU*  
July 23

Vince Staples: Tiny Desk Concert  
*NPR Music*

Rachmaninoff Adagio Sostenuto. The Theme That Became "All by Myself" (Khatia Buniatishvili)  
*RoxBlog Classical Music*

Jennifer Holliday - And I am telling you I'm not going (1982)  
*Analogue library*

*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

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](#).

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| <a href="#"><u>Arts Board Panelist Open Call</u></a><br><i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i> |
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[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**

Painting the Legacy of Horicon Works

*Corporate News | John Deere*

Congressional Representatives Introduce New Bill to Protect Public Artworks in Government Buildings

*ARTnews*

Strong First Half Numbers Confirm That the Auction Houses Have Changed, Even If the Rest of the Art Market Is Still Catching Up

*ARTnews*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Young writers dig deep into Wisconsin soil in essay contest](#)  
*Wisconsin State Farmer*

[Wisconsin 2026 Prep and Womens Show Choir Rankings](#)  
*Homeroom Show Choir*

## **Community Arts**

[Wisconsin's Arts-Driven City Is Turning Into a Creative and Comfortable Haven for Retirees](#)  
*Investopedia*

## **Folk Arts/Folklife**

[3 women's world records set at the annual Lumberjack World Championships in Wisconsin](#)  
*AP News*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Wisconsin Valley Library Service director Marla Sepnaski to retire](#)  
*Wausau Daily Herald*

[Library, self-storage set for former Walmart after data center dropped](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[After Life | Brenda Cardenas](#)  
*Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission*

## **Media Arts**

[Judge Pauses Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger](#)  
*Variety*

[The Emmys 'F—ed This Up': Streamers and Networks Are Outraged as Five Categories Get Cut From the Telecast](#)  
*Variety*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Presenting**

[See photos from third annual Green Bay Fringe Festival](#)  
*Green Bay Press-Gazette*

### **Theater/Opera**

EAW helps Wisconsin theatre preserve its heritage  
*LSI Online*

## Other

Revisit and revise your bylaws - When your map doesn't match the terrain, fix the map.  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor*

How Your Stress Can Actually Make You a Better Nonprofit Leader  
*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

Michael Velliquette: Intuitive Patterns  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**July 22 – July 11, 2027**

Art sale to benefit local conservation and arts  
*Watertown Daily Times*  
**August 8 – 9**

Amanda Browder: Zig and Zag  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**September 18 – Mid-Fall**

Also  
Community Sewing Days  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**July 21 - 31**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley to hold Lemonade Day on August 6th  
*WEAU*  
**August 6**

Local organizations unite to bring Culture Fest and Backpack Bash to Rothschild Pavilion  
*Wausau Pilot & Review*  
**August 13**

Artists Now! Guest Lecture Series: Della Wells and Evelyn Terry  
*Peck School of the Arts | UWM*  
**April 21, 2027 | Virtual Event**

Artists Now! Guest Lecture Series: Nathaniel Stern  
*Peck School of the Arts | UWM*  
**May 5, 2027 | Virtual Event**

Artists Now! Guest Lecture Series: MFA Candidates Alex Witteman & Liya Du  
*Peck School of the Arts | UWM*  
**May 12, 2027 | Virtual Event**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

Concerts on the Square | Hollywood Hits  
*Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra*  
**July 22**

Salute to the Movies with the Red Cedar Symphony  
*Rice Lake Chronotype*  
**August 4**

### **Presenting**

Chill on the Hill Season Extended to September 15, 2026  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**Through September 15**

Family friendly music festival, Deecefest ready for its return  
*WXOW*  
**July 23 – 25**

HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW: 2026 Eaux Claires Music, Literary Schedules & More  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**July 24 – 25**

Also  
Basking In gash Summer  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**July 25**

Michelle Branch: Pabst Theater - Everywhere And Back Again Tour  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**November 12**

### **Theater/Opera**

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash begins performances on July 29 at Peninsula Players Theatre

*Peninsula Players*

**July 29 – August 16**

## **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**

**NEW** Are you ready to pack a massive punch into a tiny dramatic space? Mini Plays Review  
*Playwrights Ink*  
**Deadline: August 31**

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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