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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“To create one's world in any of the arts takes courage.” – Georgia O’Keeffe

“Fiction reveals truths that reality obscures.” – Jessamyn West

“What a folly to dread the thought of throwing away life at once, and yet have no regard to throwing it away by parcels and piecemeal.” – John Howe

“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!” – Emma Lazarus

“Ideologies separate us. Dreams and anguish bring us together.” – Eugene Ionesco

“I don't follow the latest fashions. I never sing a song that's badly written. In the 1920s and '30s, there was a renaissance in music that was the equivalent of the artistic Renaissance. Cole Porter, Johnny Mercer and others just created the best songs that had ever been written. These are classics, and finally they're not being treated as light entertainment. This is classical music.” – Tony Bennett

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” – George Eliot

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Jonny “Nightmare” Servais - filmmaker, cinematographer, and visual effects artist
Racine Video Production Workshop

John Williams; Imperial March. MYSO Metropolitan Orchestra; May 3, 2026
John Emanuelson

Dianne Reeves Performs "I Wish You Love" (2017)
National Endowment for the Arts

Origami, the Ancient Art Form Solving Modern Problems | Miles Wu
TED

Rick Rubin - How to Build a Creative Career
Creative Mastery

Les Misérables – The Arena Concert Spectacular: One Day More
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

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

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

More Murals From Mel Are Coming To Downtown Eau Claire

Volume One Magazine

Open Up The Yearbook & Reminisce Through Chippewa Valley Music Festival History

Volume One Magazine

Calling all artists and makers! | Art Market

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Deadline: August 31

[Smithsonian too focused on 'oppressors and the oppressed,' say House Republicans](#)
Morning Edition | NPR

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Summer school program in Weston teaching students about Hmong culture](#)
WSAW

[The Storm Is Here: 90 Days Later - The predictions aren't predictions anymore. An update.](#)
Bob Morrison

[UW leader and former federal science advisor slams research cuts](#)
WisBusiness

Arts and Healthcare

[Study: Few Americans engage in the arts on a typical day despite health benefits](#)
UF News | University of Florida

Community Arts

[La Familia de Arte is making city vibrant one ceramic tile at a time](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Also

[Neighbors create art to honor housing marches on 16th Street Viaduct](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[July 2026](#)
Imagine MKE

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wauwatosa leaders endorse \\$107M plan to demolish and rebuild City Hall and library](#)
Milwaukee Business Journal

[Door County Library preps users for system overhaul](#)
Door County Daily News

[How to Spend \\$50 Million on the Nonprofit Literary Arts](#)
Publishing Perspectives

[National Book Ban Bill Introduced in Senate Committee](#)
Publishers Weekly

[H.D. | Evening](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER: Andrea & Izzy Polnaszek Bring Female-led Cinema To Town](#)

Volume One Magazine

Other

[5 Ways Nonprofits Can Balance Creativity and Structure](#)

Blue Avocado

[Start Scenario Planning Now to Prepare Your Nonprofit for Volatility Later](#)

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

[Art Fair on the Green](#)

AAUW

July 25

[CHARAC's Art Crawl returns August 7-9](#)

Sawyer County Record

August 7 – 9

[GLASS Arts Festival](#)

Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass

August 8

[JMKAC is Among Destinations on Wisconsin Historical Society Tour](#)

WHBL

September 18

Arts and Creativity in Education

[14th Annual Youth Art Show](#)

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

July 24 | Opening Reception

July 24 - August 14 | Exhibit

[Marcus Performing Arts Center Announces 2026-27 Culture Collective Events](#)

Milwaukee With Kids

Season

Community Arts

Madison Public Market opens Thursday, the end of a 20-year odyssey

Wisconsin State Journal

July 23

Also

Timeline: How the Madison Public Market finally became reality

Wisconsin State Journal

Manitowoc weekend events include Evergleams and live music July 23-26

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

July 23 – 26

3 weekend events you don't want to miss July 23-26 in Stevens Point

Stevens Point Journal

July 23 – 26

3 weekend events you don't want to miss July 23-26 in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

July 23 – 26

Oregon Community Calendar: July 23 to Aug. 2

The Oregon Observer

July 23 – August 2

Marathon County marks America's 250th with free community celebration in Wausau

WAOW

August 15

Folk Arts/Folklife

1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Marcus Performing Arts Center

July 30

Literary Arts/Libraries

Poetry Reading: En El Cinturón Del Viento

Oscar Mireles, LinkedIn

July 23

Also

"En El Cinturón Del Viento": New anthology book features Latinx poets from throughout the Midwest

Madison365

Marathon County Public Library to screen 'Jurassic Park' while playing movie bingo
WSAW
August 5

Opening date set for Madison's Imagination Center at Reindahl Park
Wisconsin State Journal
September 25, 26

Events at the library
Spooner Advocate
Various

Performing Arts

Presenting

Neil Diamond Tribute by Tom Conrad + The Executives
Moon Tunes Summer Concert Series 2026
July 23

What To Know Before Heading to Eaux Claires
Minnesota Monthly
July 24 – 25

Also
Why Justin Vernon's revived Eaux Claires festival still matters
The Minnesota Star Tribune
July 24 – 25

Music in the Park: Spiritual Currents Performance and Drumming Circle
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
August 15

Pablo Center Unveils New Broadway Shows Subscription, Ticketing Platform
Volume One Magazine
Season

Theater/Opera

Red Barn Theatre to present 'Drinking Habits'
Rice Lake Chronotype
July 29 – August 8

INTERVIEW: Alice in Wonderland Jr. at Mabel Tainter Theatre
WEAU
July 31 – August 2

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

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 is officially open for submissions for our upcoming issue!
Playwrights Ink
Deadline: August 31

NEW Calling all artists and makers! | Art Market
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
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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