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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Interpretation is the revenge of the intellectual upon art.” – Susan Sontag

“Everything written with vitality expresses that vitality: there are no dull subjects, only dull minds. All men who read escape from something else into what lies behind the printed page; the quality of the dream may be argued, but its release has become a functional necessity. All men must escape at times from the deadly rhythm of their private thoughts. It is part of the process of life among thinking beings.” – Raymond Chandler

“The First Amendment is often inconvenient. But that is beside the point. Inconvenience does not absolve the government of its obligation to tolerate speech.” – Anthony Kennedy

“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

“Labels are for filing. Labels are for clothing. Labels are not for people.” – Martina Navratilova

“I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong.” – Bertrand Russell

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[The Sound Of A Bucket List Sneak Peek](#)

Bad Example Productions

August 5

Thanks to Master Singers of Milwaukee for making us aware of this project and their role in it! Learn more about the documentary here:
<https://www.soundofabucketlist.com/>.

Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble - May 27, 2026
Lawrence University Conservatory of Music

New York Vocal Collective - Georgia on My Mind
NYVC (New York Vocal Collective)

The War and Treaty: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR Music and The War And Treaty

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 Governor Evers Appoints Kristin Tjernehoj to Wisconsin Arts Board, Reappoints Four Others
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW Mission Possible: Strengthening our role as agents of change through innovation and collaboration.
2026 Wisconsin Aging, Disability and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference
September 21 – 23 | Wisconsin Dells

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](#).

[Arts Board Panelist Open Call](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[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

Theatre Education Conference
Educational Theatre Association
Through July 24 | New York City, NY

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

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

Art in the Park held in Hayward

Sawyer County Record

'Do You Love America?': Smithsonian Museum Leader Grilled Over Gender, Diversity, Patriotism at Congressional Hearing

ARTnews

Community Arts

Protesters shut down Concert on the Square after fatal police shooting

Wisconsin State Journal

Folk Arts/Folklife

['I didn't want it to end' - Maya Hernandez reflects on her year as Miss Czech-Slovak Wisconsin.](#)

Price County Review

Literary Arts/Libraries

[LOCAL LIT: 'The Day Lilies' | Max Garland](#)

Volume One Magazine

[Anthropic's landmark \\$1.5B copyright settlement is approved](#)

TechCrunch

Also

[Judge approves a \\$1.5B Anthropic settlement over pirated books used to train the Claude chatbot](#)

AP News

[Cecilia Vicuña | Ex Nothing](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Writers Guild Seeks Preliminary Injunction To Halt Paramount-Warner Bros Discovery Merger; Wants Case Timing Aligned With State AG Suit](#)

Deadline

Also

[Paramount, Warner and Backward Antitrust - A judge blocks a media merger by defining the market for movies far too narrowly.](#)

Opinion | The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board

[European Commission Approves Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger](#)

Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[Protesters shut down Concert on the Square after fatal police shooting](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[New MKE JAZZ.LIVE App Lets Vibrant Milwaukee Jazz Scene Shine](#)

Urban Milwaukee

[Interview: Skylar Grey Opens Up On Wasted Potential, Finding Freedom In Heavier Music And Why Vulnerability Still Comes First](#)

Blunt Magazine, Australia

Wisconsin Originals: Les Paul of Waukesha helped make Rock & Roll what it is today

America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Wisconsin Originals: Viroqua's Butch Vig breaks through in '90s music scene

America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Presenting

10 Takeaways From Marty Brooks Explosive Claims Against Convention Center

Urban Milwaukee

Also

Marty Brooks Makes Scorched-Earth Case Against Convention Center Board

Urban Milwaukee

Baird Center boss' firing appeal falters. Lawsuit could come next

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Theater/Opera

Oskar Eustis, Theater Giant, Is Stepping Down. First, He Has Thoughts.

The New York Times

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

Take A Self-Guided Tour Through 15 Of Menomonie's Newest Murals

Volume One Magazine

Ongoing

Art Museum exhibits closing, opening

Ozaukee Press

Through August 2 | "Deeply Rooted: Small Family Farms"

Through August 2 | "This is Cedarburg: Cedarburg Landscapes and Plein Air Paintings"

August 6 - 23 | "Every Artist Matters"

August 6 - 23 | "Ephemeral Florals"

Art & Chalk Fest at Museum of Wisconsin Art – August 1 – 2, 2026

Washington County Insider

August 1 – 2

[Meet the Artists: New Trailside Exhibition at Forest Exploration Center](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 15

[Wisconsin Historical Society: KGIF Wednesdays introduced at Old World Wisconsin](#)
WisPolitics
Wednesdays | Kids Get In Free Wednesdays

Arts and Healthcare

[Mission Possible: Strengthening our role as agents of change through innovation and collaboration.](#)
2026 Wisconsin Aging, Disability and Independent Living Network (ADILN) Conference
September 21 – 23 | Wisconsin Dells

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this weekend: July 23-26, 2026](#)
Isthmus
July 23 – 26

[14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: July 23-26](#)
Milwaukee Magazine
July 23 - 26

[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

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: RiverFest returns](#)
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

[The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx: German Fest, Milwaukee Air & Water Show & More](#)
620WTMJ
This Weekend

[Oregon Community Calendar: July 23 to Aug. 2](#)
The Oregon Observer
July 23 – August 2

Community Events Calendar: July 23 to Aug. 2

The Verona Press

July 23 – August 2

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Bronzeville Week 2026 to Include New Events, Returning Favorites

Urban Milwaukee

August 1 – 8

Literary Arts/Libraries

Shorewood Public Library Searches for Party People of All Ages

TMJ4 Milwaukee

July 23

Media Arts

Peter Billingsley to appear at Green Bay's Meyer Theatre for 'A Christmas Story' screening

WBAY

December 1

Performing Arts

Presenting

Inside Appleton's No-Covers Music Fest Extravaganza

Milwaukee Magazine

July 30 – August 2

Flambeau-Rama 2026 Music Schedule

Price County Review

July 31 – August 2

Wisconsin State Fair Announces Cancellation Of Beach Boys Main Stage Concert

KDHL

August 16 | Cancelled

'Godmother of punk' Patti Smith coming back to The Orpheum Theater

Wisconsin State Journal

September 22

Stoughton Opera House 2026-2027 Season Tickets going on-sale Monday August 3
Stoughton Opera House
Season

Theater/Opera

'Wonderland' is 39th annual production by Chequamegon Children's Theatre
Sawyer County Record
July 31 – August 2

The World Goes 'Round
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
September 11 – November 1

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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