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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.” – Thomas Merton

“In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.” – Andre Maurois

“Experience is not what happens to you; it’s what you do with what happens to you.” – Aldous Huxley

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.” – William Arthur Ward

“That is my problem with life, I rush through it, like I’m being chased. Even things whose whole point is slowness, like drinking relaxing tea. When I drink relaxing tea I suck it down as if I’m in a contest for who can drink relaxing tea the quickest.” – Miranda July

“Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.” – Mark Twain

“The reason I talk to myself is because I’m the only one whose answers I accept.” – George Carlin

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[From graffiti artist to Milwaukee muralist | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[Slow Light](#)

Surface Design Association

“On Wednesday, July 22nd we celebrated the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts’ current exhibition, Slow Light. This panel features artists Carson Converse, Alexis Deise, and Regina Durante Jestrow, each of which thoughtfully explores the expressive and material qualities of fiber from a unique perspective.”

[Why the Original 'Hadestown' Cast Says the Film Is a Whole New Journey](#)

BroadwayWorld

Also

[Hadestown: The Musical Exclusive Movie Clip - Way Down Hadestown \(2026\)](#)

Fandango

[My Favorite Things \(Stephen Hough's rendition of this Rogers and Hammerstein classic\)](#)

John Yin

[Wisconsin farm to host “Cultivate” benefit concert](#)

FOX2548 & WIProud

August 15

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 [AI's Impact on the Creative World](#)

Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

September 29

NEW [Governor Evers Appoints Kristin Tjornehoj 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

NEW [An Important Update from the Craft Emergency Relief Fund](#)

CERF+

[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 24, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[Communications Coordinator](#)

LunART

Deadline: July 31

[Digital Marketing & Social Media Coordinator](#)

LunART

Deadline: July 31

[Administrative Director](#)

Salon Piano Series

Deadline: August 15

NEW Booking Agent

Cadenza Artists

Deadline: August 21

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

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

Museums in Wisconsin

Experience Wisconsin | 620WTMJ

Trump orders new signs outside Smithsonian saying some exhibits are inaccurate

AP News

Also

Trump Orders Warnings Placed at 'Inaccurate' Smithsonian History Museum

The New York Times

Trump's Trigger Warnings

The Atlantic

Arts and Creativity in Education

UWM students use reclaimed wood to create public seating

Spectrum News 1

What we know about the future of the former UWSP at Wausau campus

Wausau Daily Herald

Deadline: August 24

Innovation in Wisconsin: Spark Symposium at UWEC Davies Center

WEAU

Arts and Healthcare

Arts Engagement in Trauma Recovery Can Benefit Mental Health

International Arts + Mind Lab | The Arts Effect | Psychology Today

Greece Is Paying for the Outcome, Not the Art. Wales May Be Next.

Return on Art | Angela Meleca

Community Arts

National grant preserves Milwaukee landmark designed by pioneering Black architect

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Characterizing the Field | A study of Latinx/é arts and culture organizations

The Wallace Foundation

[Apply For the ILI Year 8 Fellowship](#)
Intercultural Leadership Institute
Deadline: August 21

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Kenosha's children's library marks two years of community impact](#)
Kenosha News

[Ethan Chua | To the stranger who stole my bike](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Rage-giving, innovation and cuts: How public media has survived without federal funds](#)
Media | NPR

[Why Paramount's Warner Bros. deal suddenly looks less certain](#)
MSN, Los Angeles Times

Also
[Paramount Agrees to Postpone Warner Bros. Merger Until After Antitrust Trial](#)
Variety

[Paramount Faces Drawn-Out Battle With State AGs: 'They Saw the Writing on the Wall'](#)
Variety

[David Ellison Addresses Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger Delay Amid State AGs' Lawsuit in Staff Memo: 'The Facts and the Law Are on Our Side'](#)
Variety

Performing Arts

Music

[Carly Simon Reveals Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis: 'I Have Not Stopped Living and I Have Not Stopped Working'](#)
Variety

Presenting

[Justin Vernon plays first live set of Bon Iver music in two years, including unreleased rarities](#)
The Line of Best Fit

Theater/Opera

Is This the Fourth Turning for Regional Theater?
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

Also

'It's not coming back': Giant of the stage and L.A. theaters confront the end of the nonprofit movement

Yahoo! Entertainment, Los Angeles Times

Other

5 Ways Nonprofits Can Balance Creativity and Structure
Blue Avocado

Making Limited Budgets Go Further Through Stronger Storytelling
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

Meet the man behind the giant moon that's returning to Milwaukee
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
August 7 – 9

Art Crawl returns to Northwoods for three-day tour of artist studios
Ashland Daily Press
August 7 – 9

Victoria Findlay Wolfe shares quilted memories at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show
PBS Wisconsin
September 10 – 12

Arts and Creativity in Education

Kids From Wisconsin to perform July 29 in Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac Reporter
July 29

Kids From Wisconsin Brings “America’s Soundtrack: the Pulse of a Nation” to Milwaukee
Urban Milwaukee
July 30

AI's Impact on the Creative World
Wisconsin Broadcasters Association
September 29

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this week: July 27-30, 2026
Isthmus
July 27 – 30

ArtBlaze Returns This Thursday with Giant New Interactive Art Installation, Live Music, Dance and More
The Glow Land
July 30, August 6, 20

Media Arts

Inside Blue House, a New Home For Milwaukee Filmmakers
Milwaukee Magazine
September 11 – 12

Performing Arts

Presenting

World Flute Society Evening Concerts
Events Calendar | Volume One Magazine
July 29 – August 1

Shawano Folk Music Festival set for Aug. 7-9
New Media
August 7 – 9

Yazmin and Beat Zero: Lake Effect Music Fest at Big Top Chautauqua – YBZ
Mesabi Tribune
August 14 – 16 | Lake Effect Music Fest
August 16 | Yazmin and Beat Zero

Steely Dane returns to Thrasher Opera House
Ripon Commonwealth Press
September 25

Following the Sold-Out World Premiere in Toronto, The Unauthorized Hallmark(ish) Parody Musical is Coming to Milwaukee as Part of Its U.S. Tour
Urban Milwaukee
December 26 – 30

Theater/Opera

Vanguard Milwaukee Presents On the Exhale by Martin Zimmerman
Urban Milwaukee
October 9 – 12

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

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

City Of E.C. Seeks Applications For Transit Center Mural

Volume One Magazine

Deadline: August 6

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

NEW Apply For the ILI Year 8 Fellowship

Intercultural Leadership Institute

Deadline: August 21

Wisconsin Photography 2026

Racine Art Museum

Deadline: August 24

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

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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