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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is only one valuable thing in art: the thing you cannot explain." – Georges Braque

"When you think of the visual style, when you think of the visual language of a film there tends to be a natural separation of the visual style and the narrative elements, but with the great, whether it is Stanley Kubrick, Terrence Malick or Hitchcock what you're seeing is inseparable, a vital relationship between the images and the story he's telling." – Christopher Nolan

"The great thing about art on any level is that it can speak to all people if it's achieved properly. When I've heard a piece of music or seen a painting that moves me, it gives me something. That's such an incredibly special experience. I have intentions as a writer, but people — when they're listening to a track — will take from it what they interpret. Sometimes people mishear my lyrics and think a song's about something it isn't. That doesn't matter. If it speaks to them and they get something positive from it, it's great." – Kate Bush

"Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness. Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing. Use the pain as fuel, as a reminder of your strength." – August Wilson

"I have dreamed in my life, dreams that have stayed with me ever after, and changed my ideas; they have gone through and through me, like wine through water, and altered the color of my mind." – Emily Bronte

"A party without cake is just a meeting." – Julia Child

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Self-taught artist, retired farmer behind iconic western Wisconsin sculpture garden
CBS News

Local artist makes gift to name art gallery at Viterbo University
WEAU

We the People: Milwaukee's Immigration Stories, Culture & Community w/ Olivia Hoff
What's On Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620WTMJ
August 8

Norah Jones Is Playing Along with Meshell Ndegeocello (Podcast Season 2 Episode 42)
Norah Jones

Lizz Wright, Kenny Banks Sr. | The Nearness of You | Bell Choir Studios Sessions
Lizz Wright

> *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 Understanding Your Form 990 and the Story It Tells About Your Arts Organization
Eide Bailly | Arts Midwest

NEW Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry
Wisconsin Arts Board

> Also
> **NEW** Gov. Evers Declares State of Emergency in Response to Severe Storms throughout Eastern Wisconsin
> *Office of Governor Tony Evers*

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

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

NEW Development Director (Shared Services – MYArts/MYC/CTM)
MYArts
Deadline: August 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

AATE 2026 National Conference
American Alliance for Theatre & Education
Through August 1 | Greenville, SC

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

2026 LEAD Conference
Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability
August 11 | Capacity Building Workshops
August 12 - 14 | Conference

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
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

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

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

Midwest Arts Expo
Heartland Performing Arts
September 22 – 25

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

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

THE INCLUSIVE GIFT OF ART with guest Deborah Blackwell, EP14
Chasing the Timeless Podcast

This Appleton Museum Is a New Arts Destination
Milwaukee Magazine

August 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keeffe: Art History Explained
Art History Explained

Arts and Creativity in Education

Student instruments take a lot of abuse. Music shops fix up thousands each summer
Wisconsin State Journal

Community Arts

Williamson Street memorial grows as Madison weighs next steps after Ruiz shooting
NBC 15 | WMTV

Folk Arts/Folklife

'The fastest game on grass': How the ancient Irish sport of hurling is thriving in Milwaukee
Wisconsin Public Radio

Literary Arts/Libraries

Wauwatosa will pursue $107 million option for new city hall, library
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Defendant in Salman Rushdie stabbing declines to testify in terrorism trial
AP News

Why Writing Feels So Hard (and How to Make it Easier) - April Dávila on the Neuroscience Behind Writer's Block and What We Can Do to Conquer It
Literary Hub

Ben Johnson | Inviting a Friend to Supper
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

Behind the Scenes of Ueck the Movie: Uecker's Legacy, Rare Footage & Memories |
What's On Tap with Sandy Maxx | 620 WTMJ

Performing Arts

Music

Glen Hansard, killed in crash, made lasting memories on Milwaukee stages
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Presenting

How Did The Return Of Eaux Claires Impact Its Community?
Volume One Magazine

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

Quilt talks set at Cedarburg museum
Ozaukee Press
August 1, 20

Dan Devening | Fenestra Falsa
OS Projects
August 8 - October 10 | Exhibition
August 8 | Opening Reception

Chazen Museum prepares to unveil revamped galleries
Wisconsin State Journal
August 31, September 8

Arts and Creativity in Education

New exhibit showcases creativity of lifelong learners
Madison Area Technical College, Wisconsin State Journal
August 1| Public Reception
August 1 – 28 | Exhibition

Community Arts

14 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: July 30-Aug. 2
Milwaukee Magazine
July 30 – August 2

New Addition to the 15th District to Celebrate Grand Opening with Community Block Party
Urban Milwaukee
August 1

Western Wisconsin Weekend: Are you cruisin' through the years?
Hudson Star-Observer
This Weekend

A Celebration of Art and Music
Community Art & Funk Festival
August 16

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Media Arts

A renewed Rooftop Cinema returns to MMoCA
Isthmus
July 30, August 6, 13, 20

Performing Arts

Music

La Crosse Jazz Orchestra offering free concert at Riverside Park
La Crosse Tribune
August 2

Presenting

LIVE MUSIC – Moon Tunes | Riverside Park
La Crosse Local
July 30

Mile of Music returns to downtown Appleton July 30 despite July 28 storms
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
July 30 – August 2

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW August 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists
Colossal
Deadlines: Various

NEW The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Summer Cycle
Lynden Sculpture Garden
Deadline: Until funds for this cycle are expended

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

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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