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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A word after a word after a word is power." – Margaret Atwood

"The love of books is a love which requires neither justification, apology, nor defense." – John Alfred Langford

"Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair." – Khalil Gibran

"It is wise to direct your anger towards problems --- not people, to focus your energies on answers --- not excuses." – William Arthur Ward

"Dreams are today's answers to tomorrow's questions." – Edgar Cayce

"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home." – Anna Quindlen

"I wanted to share a poem I recently wrote in response to the storm that impacted our community." – Jade Erickson

The Maple on Calder by *Jade Erickson, Menasha poet*

Before there was grieving,
there was a maple tree
that knew all our names.
I grew up in her branches,
where she held our laughter,
our curiosity, and our wonderment.

But her arms no longer
reach toward the sky.

You can never imagine
the last time you'll stand
beneath the tree that raised you.
But the wind untied every limb
that I knew by heart.
Never asking permission--
mistaking our story for debris.

I never thought I'd outlive that maple.
I thought she would always be waiting there.
But the wind left a stillness
louder than the sirens,
with no blueprint to rebuild.

The maple taught us to climb
without the fear of falling,
that home can have bark
instead of a roof,
and that scraped elbows and knees
were a small price to pay
for memories that were too large
to fit in one photo album.

The maple tree taught us
how to come home,
the wind is teaching us
how to let go,
and the earth is teaching us
how to grow again.

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Revitalizing Bronzeville: Celebrating Culture & Community
WNOV The Voice

Creative Power, Civic Purpose: How Artists Strengthen Democracy
Forecast
September 24 | The Art of Governance: Artist–Government Collaborations for More Responsive Institutions
October 29 | Funding Creative Civic Power: Investing in Artists Who Strengthen Democracy

The first four videos in this series are available to view.

David Hockney: Another View of the World
Louisiana Channel

Renée Fleming & Béla Fleck: Tiny Desk Concert
NPR

> *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 Public Comment Surveys for Music, Dance, and Arts & Design Standards NOW OPEN
Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction
July 31 – September 1

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

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 31, 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

NEW Partnerships Manager
Arts @ Large
Deadline: September 1

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

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 30 Best Art Museums in the US
ARTnews

Congratulations to the John Michael Kohler Arts Center, which is number 6 on this list!

See photos from Urban Cultural Arts Center stained glass workshop
Green Bay Press-Gazette

Miller Announces Jury Panel for '51st Juried Annual'
Miller Art Museum
Deadline: August 21

Milwaukee Brewers to unveil new mural in Fitchburg
Madison365

The Canvas of Leadership: 2026 Cover Art Contest
Aspen Institute
Deadline: August 16

How art invented humanity - When early humans first painted cave walls, they began to find out who they really were: our minds emerged from our images
Aeon Essays

AI Futures: The Cost of Doing Nothing
Center for the Future of Museums Blog | American Alliance of Museums

Arts and Creativity in Education

Public Comment Surveys for Music, Dance, and Arts & Design Standards NOW OPEN
Arts & Creativity Newsletter | WI Department of Public Instruction
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Arts and Healthcare

This story about Catherine, Princess of Wales | Susan Magsamen
LinkedIn

Community Arts

Gov. Evers, WEDC Celebrate Investments in Hundreds of Wisconsin Businesses, Nonprofits, Organizations, and Communities
Office of Governor Tony Evers

Literary Arts/Libraries

Marie Howe | The Copper Beech
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

Marcus Corp. reports improved performance in Q2
BizTimes Milwaukee

Performing Arts

Dance

How WINN Dance, a New Company for Performers Over 40, Is Changing the Conversation Around Aging
Dance Magazine

Music

Artists as athletes: why musicians should look after their bodies like sportspeople
The Strad

Presenting

Take a look at day one photos of Mile of Music in Appleton
Appleton Post-Cresent

FY26 USArtists International Grantees Announced
Mid Atlantic Arts

Kennedy Center Halts Free Public Tours After Five Decades of Service
The New York Times

Other

Why Strong Donor Stewardship Starts in the Back Office
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

ArtBlaze Returns With New Eye-Catching Inflatables
Milwaukee Magazine
August 6, 20

Fernando Rico & Daniel Fleming reception | Carnelian Art Gallery
Isthmus
August 7 – 30

Riverfront Arts Center to host photography artist talk
Point/Plover Metro Wire
August 13

The Otherworld is Home Public Programs Announced for Fall
Urban Milwaukee
Opens August 28

Arts and Creativity in Education

Events
Peck School of the Arts | UWM
Various

Events Calendar | Arts
UW-Madison
Various

Our Hive: Arts, Culture and Community Events
UW-Superior
Various

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: July 30-Aug. 2, 2026
Isthmus
Through August 2

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

A dozen things to do in the Madison area this weekend
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

Black Arts Fest MKE and more things to do in Milwaukee this weekend
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
This Weekend

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

Hot Times, Cool Beer and a Dog Day
Urban Milwaukee
This Week

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

25 Events Happening at Bronzeville Week
Urban Milwaukee, Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service
August 1 – 8

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

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

Hmong Wausau Festival returns this weekend with food, dance and sports
Wausau Pilot & Review
August 1 – 2

Kermiss Brings the Best of Belgium to Namur
Door County Pulse
August 16

Swarmm Events & Kegel's Inn Expand 2026 Milwaukee Oktoberfest at Henry Maier Festival Park
Urban Milwaukee
October 2 – 4

Performing Arts

Presenting

Appleton's Mile of Music hopes to promote healing, volunteering after devastating tornado
Wisconsin Public Radio
Through August 2

2026 Wisconsin State Fair Know Before You Go
Urban Milwaukee
August 6 – 16

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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