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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't want life to imitate art. I want life to be art." – Ernst Fischer

"Those works of art which have scooped up the truth and presented it to us as a living force — they take hold of us, compel us, and nobody ever, not even in ages to come, will appear to refute them." – Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

"An artist can show things that other people are terrified of expressing." – Louise Bourgeois

"I have said repeatedly that as poetry is the highest speech of man, it can not only accept and contain, but in the end express best everything in the world, or in himself, that he discovers. It will absorb and transmute, as it always has done, and glorify, all that we can know. This has always been, and always will be, poetry's office." – Conrad Aiken

"We have lived by the assumption that what was good for us would be good for the world. We have been wrong. We must change our lives, so that it will be possible to live by the contrary assumption that what is good for the world will be good for us." – Wendell Berry

"You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" – Steven Wright

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Katrina Serwe- Falling in Love with Poetry](#)
Author Showcase of Oshkosh Wisconsin

[Nemo Edwards expresses authentic tenderness in his artwork. | The Arts Page](#)
Milwaukee PBS

[The science behind using the arts to combat loneliness and social isolation](#)
PBS NewsHour

[The Most Fearless Voice in Jazz Today? Veronica Swift \(Ep. 140\)](#)
Emmet Cohen

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 [Visit 3, Get a T!](#)
Wisconsin Art Destinations
August 15 – November 15

NEW [2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit](#)
WI Department of Public Instruction
August 21 | Virtual

LINK CORRECTED [DANCE, ART & DESIGN, and MUSIC Standards Public Comment Survey Now Open](#)
Arts & Creativity | WI Department of Public Instruction
Through September 1

NEW [Join the Accessibility Committee](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW [Creative Forces Expands Arts Engagement Opportunities for Military Nationwide](#)
National Endowment for the Arts + Mid-America Arts Alliance

[Understanding Your Form 990 and the Story It Tells About Your Arts Organization](#)
Eide Bailly | Arts Midwest

[Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry](#)
Wisconsin Arts Board

Also
[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

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.

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

NEW [Associate Director of Animation, Interactive, and Environmental Design](#)

PBS Wisconsin

Deadline: August 13

[Administrative Director](#)

Salon Piano Series

Deadline: August 15

[Booking Agent](#)

Cadenza Artists

Deadline: August 21

Development Director (Shared Services – MYArts/MYC/CTM)

MYArts

Deadline: August 31

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

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

NEW 2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit

WI Department of Public Instruction

August 21 | Virtual

Annual Convening

Arts Education Partnership

September 1 - 4 | Jacksonville, FL

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

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

Milwaukee County seeks developer for current public museum site

620WTMJ

White House Proposes Smallest Smithsonian Budget in Years and Cutting Full-Time Staff by 6 Percent

ARTnews

Arts and Creativity in Education

The Arts Have an Identity Problem

LinkedIn | Richard Ward Roden

UW-Platteville Students Gain Firsthand Look at Business and Culture in China

UW-Platteville

UW-Stout Polytechnic students, staff help turn community into a canvas during Murals in Menomonie

All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

Video production program work highlights viability of Wisconsin as film hub

All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

Community Arts

See pictures of 2026 Bronzeville Cultural & Arts Festival

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Eau Claire Area Chamber Announces Ashley DeMuth As Next CEO

Volume One Magazine

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Mayor Zacher proclaims Czech-Slovak Heritage Week in Wisconsin Rapids](#)
Wisconsin Rapids City Times

[Women behind the bar: A brief history of Wisconsin's bartenders](#)
Wisconsin Life

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Wendel Berry | How to Be a Poet](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Out of the Picture | Mary Louise Schumacher](#)
Vimeo
Available to rent through September 21

Performing Arts

Presenting

[The Gobbler Theater Returns With Sold Out Shows](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Theater/Opera

[Theatre as Civic Imagination](#)
Cultivating Cultural Resilience | Howlround Theatre Commons

Other

[Wisconsin Newspaper Association becomes Wisconsin NewsMedia Association](#)
Wisconsin Rapids City Times

[Don't Let 'Buridan's Ass' Run Your Nonprofit](#)
Blue Avocado

[Building Nonprofit Policies and Procedures That Safeguard Your Mission](#)
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

MMoCA's video gallery features experimental short films by Madison's Bill Bedford
Isthmus
Through September 6

Outdoor Painting Makes A Comeback In Eau Claire
Volume One Magazine
August 8, 11

Artspire Pop-up Market: September 2026
Pump House Regional Arts Center
September 4

In/Between
Racine Art Museum
September 18–27

Arts and Creativity in Education

David Landau | Kids in the Rotunda Summer Sessions
Overture Center for the Arts
August 5 | Baraboo Children's Museum

2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit
WI Department of Public Instruction
August 21 | Virtual

Community Arts

Events Calendar
Vilas County News-Review
August 5 – 18

ENTER THE LUMIADOME: Immersive Entertainment 'Domes' Arrive In Eau Claire
Volume One Magazine
Various | August

Isthmus' 2026 summer festival calendar: August
Isthmus
Various | August

Literary Arts/Libraries

Library to host staged reading of new 'Frankenstein' adaptation Aug. 8
Sawyer County Record
August 8

Media Arts

[MMoCA's video gallery features experimental short films by Madison's Bill Bedford](#)
Isthmus
Through September 6

[Here's how the Oriental Theatre shows 70mm films like 'The Odyssey'](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Now Showing

Performing Arts

Music

[Season finale of Kenosha Pops to be night of encores Aug. 5](#)
Kenosha News
August 5

[Festival City Symphony Announces 2026–2027 Season Featuring Classical Masterpieces, Celebrated Soloists, and Free Family Concerts](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Season

[45th Anniversary Season for Present Music](#)
Urban Milwaukee
Season

Presenting

[Ashley for the Arts kicks into high gear Thursday in Arcadia](#)
La Crosse Tribune
August 6 – 8

[Var Gallery Presents: Cullah + Jon Worthy](#)
Var Gallery
August 7

[à la cARTe! fall fundraiser returns to Fox Cities P.A.C. for third year](#)
Fox Cities P.A.C.
October 2

Theater/Opera

[Maybe We'll Fly](#)
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre
September 18 – October 11

Also

[New play explores controversy, ambition of outsider artist Mary Nohl of Fox](#)

Point
Wisconsin Public Radio

There's still time to play this summer
World Premiere Wisconsin
Various

OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Residency Opportunities | August
Artist Communities Alliance
Various | August

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

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

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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