



August 6, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art cannot be modern. Art is primordially eternal." – Egon Schiele

"It's important ... to know who the real enemy is, and to know the function, the very serious function of racism, which is distraction. It keeps you from doing your work. It keeps you explaining over and over again, your reason for being. Somebody says you have no language and so you spend 20 years proving that you do. Somebody says your head isn't shaped properly so you have scientists working on the fact that it is. Somebody says that you have no art so you dredge that up. Somebody says that you have no kingdoms and so you dredge that up. None of that is necessary. There will always be one more thing." – Toni Morrison

"Forethought spares afterthought." – Amelia E. Barr

"Everything is funny as long as it happens to somebody else." – Will Rogers,

"Computers are useless. They can only give you answers." – Pablo Picasso

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Two Gents Paint Interview](#)
American Players Theatre

[Fox Valley Strong: Local musician's song reaches radio, carries message of recovery](#)
WBAY

[“Down The Hill” // Bluegrass Live in Yellowstone National Park](#)

Liam Purcell & Cane Mill Road

August 6 | [Levitt AMP, John Michael Kohler Arts Center](#)

[Diffuse Control](#)

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September 19 – January 10 | [Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](#)

[We're celebrating 10 years!](#)

Door Kinetic Arts Festival

Sept. 20 – 26

[The future skills agenda of the creative industries | RSA REPLAY](#)

Royal Society of Arts

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 [Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar](#)

Americans for the Arts

August 13 | Webinar

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

[Emergency/Disaster Readiness & Recovery for Wisconsin's Arts Industry](#)
Creative Copy | 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

[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

[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

Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar
Americans for the Arts
August 13 | Webinar

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

A Wisconsin artist donates over 2K pieces of artwork to Kohler Arts Center

Wisconsin Public Radio

Many Miles and Years Later | Woodson Wanderings

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Old World Wisconsin celebrates 50 years of preserving the state's early history

Wisconsin Public Radio

July 2026: Artistry Contributions - A collaborative inquiry into the art of being human . . .

The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain

One Problem With Attacking the Smithsonian? Americans Like It.

The Atlantic

To Recover Artworks Looted by the Nazis, Researchers Are Getting Creative, With New Strategies Including an A.I. Chatbot and a Campaign of 'Wanted' Posters

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Every Student, Every Community: National Arts in Education Week Advocacy Webinar](#)
Americans for the Arts
August 13 | Webinar

Community Arts

[Birchwood vet receives Quilt of Valor](#)
GazetteXtra

[Black Nite Uprising Monument Vandalized in Milwaukee](#)
Urban Milwaukee

[Photo: Fist sculpture relocated](#)
Wisconsin State Journal

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Explore Native Wisconsin: From History & Celebrations to Outdoor Recreation](#)
Travel Wisconsin

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Check Out These 7 Writing Clubs and Open Mics](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

[The modern library](#)
Seth's Blog

[Elizabeth Alexander | Praise Song for the Day](#)
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

[Former Radio Milwaukee Leader Jordan Lee Charged With Sexual Assault of a Child](#)
Milwaukee Magazine

Performing Arts

Music

[Ten New Directors to Serve on League of American Orchestras Board](#)
League of American Orchestras

Congratulations to Joe Loehnis, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra CEO for being named an Ex-Officio Director.

Presenting

Two music lovers head to Eaux Claires festival for the first time
WUWM 89.7 FM

Other

How Making Donors Feel Known Leads to Stronger Relationships
NonProfit Pro

Want to pay staff more? Here's how to raise the money
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

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

Building ArtBlaze 2026, one archaea at a time
WUWM 89.7 FM
August 6, 20

In-Person Art Talk with Marcia Thompson and Lisa Lenarz
Pump House Regional Arts Center
August 19

Beeple reception
Isthmus
September 19 | Opening Reception
September 19 – January 10 | Exhibition

Community Arts

What to do in Madison this weekend: Aug. 6-9, 2026
Isthmus
August 6 – 9

15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Aug. 6-9
Milwaukee Magazine
August 6 – 9

Third Ward Moon Festival
Milwaukee Magazine
August 7 – 9

[20 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

[The Weekend Trend with Sandy Maxx: Wisconsin State Fair, Moon Festival, Shakespeare in the Park and More](#)

620WTMJ

This Weekend

[Arts](#)

Madison Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

[Festival of India returns to Stevens Point with arts, food & music](#)

Stevens Point Journal

August 8

[Did You Say Gemütlichkeit?](#)

Volume One Magazine

September 17 – 19

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Winding Rivers Library System opens summer history hunt for U.S. 250th anniversary](#)

Vernon Reporter

Deadline: September 7

[24th Annual La Crosse Storytelling Festival](#)

La Crosse Storytelling

September 11 - 12

Performing Arts

Presenting

[Screaming Orphans | Murphy & Mancuso](#)

Moon Tunes Summer Concert Series

August 6

[Melissa Etheridge and Wynonna Judd talk new music and “Raised on Radio” tour ahead of the Wisconsin State Fair](#)

620WTMJ
August 9

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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