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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The job is to ask questions — it always was — and to ask them as inexorably as I can. And to face the absence of precise answers with a certain humility.” — Arthur Miller

“All art is at once surface and symbol. Those who go beneath the surface do so at their peril. Those who read the symbol do so at their peril. It is the spectator, and not life, that art really mirrors. Diversity of opinion about a work of art shows that the work is new, complex, and vital.” — Oscar Wilde

“I try to give people a different way of looking at their surroundings. That’s art to me.” — Maya Lin

“I don’t have the patience to be a non-creator.” — Virgil Abloh

“Poetry, as nearly as I can understand it, is a statement in words about a human experience, whether the experience be real or hypothetical, major or minor; but it is a statement of a particular kind. Words are symbols for concepts, and the philosopher or scientist endeavors as far as may be to use them with reference to nothing save their conceptual content. Most words, however, connote feelings and perceptions, and the poet, like the writer of imaginative prose, endeavors to use them with reference not only to their denotations but to their connotations as well. Such writers endeavor to communicate not only concepts, arranged, presumably, either in rational order or in an order of apprehensible by the rational mind, but the feeling or emotion which the rational content ought properly to arouse.” — Yvor Winters

“Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.” — Arthur Miller

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[La Crosse Community Theatre celebrates dedication of new LEAP Center](#)
WXOW

Also
[Big LEAP for La Crosse Community Theatre; its LEAP center on Cass Street is dedicated](#)
WIZM

['In a State of IF': New art exhibition explores realities surrounding infertility, reproductive care](#)
CBS 58 | WDJT
October 16 – November 21

[Late Chippewa Falls High School director Douglas Greenhalgh honored with Wisconsin Marching Hall of Fame induction](#)
WQOW
October 17

[Exhibition Tour—Krasner and Pollock: Past Continuous | Met Exhibitions](#)
The Met

[I'm Not in Love - 10cc](#)
Sangah Noona

[Puddles Pity Party - America Today - \(Official Video\)](#)
Puddles Pity Party

[Los Tigres del Norte: Tiny Desk Concert](#)
NPR and Los Tigres del Norte Oficial

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 October 2026 Newsletter](#)
Americans for the Arts

NEW [Phylicia Rashad, Sen. Capito and Rep. Matsui Champion Cultural Investment and Civic Impact at 36th Nancy Hanks Lecture](#)

Americans for the Arts

[Beyond Compliance: Why Your Audit and Form 990 Matter to Funders](#)

Your Part-Time Controller & The Chronicle of Philanthropy

October 21 | Virtual

[Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2026](#)

Wisconsin Department of Tourism

[Join the Co-op Program](#)

Travel Wisconsin

Now Open

[Disaster Preparedness for Artists: Q&A with Craft Your Commerce](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

[Spotlighting Wisconsin | Beni Daiko](#)

Wisconsin Arts Board

[Preparedness and Partnership: September at NCAPER](#)

National Coalition for Arts Preparedness and Emergency Response (NCAPER)

[Creative Copy #38 | Indigenous Artist Resources](#)

Wisconsin Arts News

[Introducing the Arts Funding Finder](#)

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

[Visit 3, Get a T!](#)

Wisconsin Art Destinations

Through November 15

[Join the Accessibility Committee](#)

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

[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

[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 | October 16, 2026](#)

National Creativity Network

Job Opportunities

[Job Board](#)

Create Wisconsin

Application Deadlines | Various

[Care Navigator \(Ongoing Opportunity\)](#)

Social Rx

Deadline: Ongoing

NEW [Recreation Supervisor of Arts and Humanities Programs](#)

Milwaukee Recreation

Deadline: October 26

[Education Director](#)

Forte Theatre Company

Deadline: October 29

[Aly's Arts in Health Job Board](#)

Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.

Deadlines: Various

Academic Engagement Associate
Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University
Deadline: Until Filled

Assistant House Manager
Skylight Music Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Studio Supervisor
Skylight Music Theatre
Deadline: Until Filled

Executive Director
Capitol Civic Centre
Deadline: Until Filled

Chief Philanthropy Officer
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra
Deadline: Until Filled

Facilities Coordinator
ArtStart Rhinelander
Deadline: Until Filled

Program & Administrative Assistant
ArtStart Rhinelander
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

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

Development Coordinator
Opera for the Young
Deadline: Until Filled

For more Job Opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Deadlines | Resources | Events

2026 Wisconsin Science Festival
Wisconsin Science Festival
Through October 25

Also
Explore what makes us human at the 16th Annual Wisconsin Science Festival
Morgridge Institute for Research
Through October 25

NEW Wisconsin Science Festival celebrates art, technology and science in our state
The Lee Rayburn Show | Wisconsin Public Radio
Through October 25

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!

World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

Emerging Program Institute (EPI)
Artist Communities Alliance
Registration is Open
October 22, 23, 29, 30 | EPI | Virtual

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

NOAHCON
National Organization for Arts in Health
October 28 | Virtual Day

2026 Wisconsin State Music Conference
Wisconsin Music Educators Association
October 28 – 31 | Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center

WAEA Fall Conference
Wisconsin Art Education Association
October 30 - 31 | Waunakee

Creative Communities, Collective Futures
2026 Chicago Regional | National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures
November 12 – 14 | Chicago, IL

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is Accepting Fiscal Year 2027 Grant Applications to Strengthen America's Cultural Heritage
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
Deadline: November 13

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series
Creating Abundance Collaborative
November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival
Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech & Dramatic Arts Association
November 19 - 21 | UW-Parkside

2027 NAMM Show
National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM)
January 26 – 30 | Anaheim, CA

Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism 2027

Travel Wisconsin

March 14 – 16, 2027 | Appleton

Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 - 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

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

Judge: Wisconsin Veterans Museum can stay on Capitol Square for now

Wisconsin State Journal

U.S. historic preservation law faces the most serious threat in its 60-year history

NPR

Arts and Creativity in Education

Dear Misty Copeland: This Thank You Comes From the Little Girl in Me

LinkedIn | La'Ketta Caldwell

UW-Stevens Point libraries director named 2026 Wisconsin Librarian of the Year

WAOW

[UW-Stout Polytechnic Guarantees Minnesota High School Students Admission, Reciprocal Tuition](#)

The 715 Newsroom

Arts and Healthcare

[The effects of the arts and arts therapies on mental health outcomes of children and young people: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

eClinical Medicine | The Lancet Discovery Science

[Go Fish! The Rise of Youth Social Prescribing](#)

MindSite News

Community Arts

[Inside Epic System's newest campus, where Narnia meets 'Star Wars'](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

Literary Arts/Libraries

[CULTURE CLUB: Spreading Kindness and Poetry](#)

Door County Pulse

[UW-Stevens Point libraries director named 2026 Wisconsin Librarian of the Year](#)

WAOW

[Victoria Kornick | Guided Meditation](#)

Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Offer Accepted For Downtown Micon Cinema, Contract In Progress](#)

Volume One Magazine

Performing Arts

Theater/Opera

[Wisconsin Playwright Deb Meyer Launches Ink to Stage a New Theatrical Resource](#)

USA Today

[Broadway Box Office: Star-Studded 'Other Desert Cities,' 'A Few Good Men,' '860' Draw Crowds](#)

The Hollywood Reporter

Other

WIPO's "Creators Learn Intellectual Property" (CLIP) Initiative Expands: Now Supporting Visual Artists in Understanding and Managing their Rights
WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization

Opinion | Stop writing the nonprofit world's obituary. We have work to do.
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

Gabriela Fuentes-Matamoros shares the history of immigration through her art
The Spectator | UW-Eau Claire
Through December 6 | Exhibition
November 13 | Reception

Quick Paint Competition: Plein Air Between the Bluffs Festival | Myrick Park
La Crosse Local
October 16

Museum of Wisconsin Art presents Lewis Hine's iconic documentary photography
Washington County Insider
October 24 – January 17

Arts and Creativity in Education

Late Chippewa Falls High School director Douglas Greenhalgh honored with Wisconsin Marching Hall of Fame induction
WQOW
October 17

'Adoption: Layers of Love and Loss' A traveling art exhibit explores adoption stories at UWGB
WBAY
Through October 18

West Bend Children's Theatre presents Finding Nemo in April 2027
Washington County Insider
April 20 – 24

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: Oct. 15-18, 2026](#)

Isthmus

Through October 18

[15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Oct. 15-18](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Through October 18

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 15-18 in Stevens Point](#)

Stevens Point Journal

Through October 18

[3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 15-18 in Wisconsin Rapids](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune

Through October 18

[igNight Market returns to downtown Green Bay](#)

WBAY

October 17

[Boo at the Zoo, Pow Wow at the Baird Center](#)

Weekend Preview | Urban Milwaukee

This Weekend

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

Wisconsin State Journal

This Weekend

[5 fun events happening in Madison this week, Oct. 15-21](#)

The Capital Times

Through October 21

[Innovation Center Stoughton ends year with busy schedule](#)

The Stoughton Courier Hub

Various

Arts

Madison Magazine

Various

Wausau Area Events

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

2026 Wisconsin Book Festival

Wisconsin Book Festival

Through October 18

Performing Arts

Music

Christmas cantata will premiere in Ripon

Ripon Commonwealth Press

December 20

Presenting

Kazoo King D.B. Rouse Returns

Door County Pulse

October 18

Other

2026 Wisconsin Science Festival

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 15 – 25

OPPORTUNITIES

October 2026 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists

Colossal

Various

Residency Opportunities | October + November

Artist Communities Alliance

Various | October + November

Introducing the Arts Funding Finder

Arts Midwest

Deadlines: Various

The Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund Opens 2026 Summer Cycle

Lynden Sculpture Garden

Deadline: Until funds for this cycle are expended

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

Open Call for Queer Artists

OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center

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

Racine's giant postcard auction will go live Saturday

Wisconsin State Journal

Bid through October 17

2027 ACC Fellowships and Grants

Asian Cultural Council

Applications Accepted: Through November 10

Fresh Water Press seeks stories of lakeshore life for new anthology

Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter

Submit Through December 15

Global Dance Circle for Social Change Submission Form 2026 / Círculo Global de Danza para el Cambio Social: Formulario de Presentación 2026

Mark DeGarmo Dance

Deadline: October 17

NEW A Line Meant Project seeks formerly incarcerated creatives, organizers for fellowship

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Deadline: October 18

Wisconsin Creates Statewide K-12 Art Competition

School Choice Wisconsin

Deadline: Art received from October 19 – 30

Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026

Artist Communities Alliance

October 22 – 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

NEW gener8tor ART Appleton and Fox Cities Application

gener8tor ART

Deadline: October 24

Small Works Open Call

Carnelian Art Gallery

Deadline: November 2026

NEW 2027 Joy Grant

Joy Engine

Deadline: November 2

Now Accepting Applications for GIG Fund: Interstate Touring

Arts Midwest

Phase 1 Deadline | November 4

Phase 2 Deadline | November 17

Indigenous Wisconsin: Beyond Acknowledgement

Madison365

November 9 - December 11 | Exhibition

Submit an NEA Jazz Masters Fellowship Nomination

National Endowment for the Arts

Deadline: November 12

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is Accepting Fiscal Year 2027 Grant

Applications to Strengthen America's Cultural Heritage

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Deadline: November 13

Racine Art Museum's "Accidentally Wes Anderson" exhibit asks visitors to find Wisconsin's cinematic beauty

Milwaukee Independent

Submission Deadline: November 15

Access/VSA Emerging Young Artists Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

Access/VSA International Young Musicians Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

Access/VSA Playwright Discovery Program

Access/VSA International Network

Deadline: November 19

Music Education Partnership Grants

Chorus America

Deadline: November 20

NEW Levitt Family Foundation's 2027 Festival Grants

Levitt Family Foundation

Deadline: November 20

18th Annual International Drawing Discourse Exhibition

Creative West

Submission Deadline: November 29

Bristol Art Museum Announces National Call for Collage for Torn Boundaries

Bristol Art Museum

Deadline: November 29

Kenosha seeks nominations for lifetime achievement

Wisconsin State Journal, Kenosha News

Deadline: November 30 (For Kenosha County Residents)

Anthony Quinn Foundation Scholarship

Anthony Quinn Foundation

November 30 | Registration Deadline
January 5 | Application Deadline

Wisconsin's Own

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31; An early-bird discount on entry fees for non-students is available for films submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

Wisconsin's Own Student

Wisconsin Film Festival

Deadline: December 31

Annual Call to Artists Now Open!

Pump House Regional Arts Center

Deadline: January 31 | 2027 - 2028 Gallery Exhibition Season

Deadline: January 31 | 2026 - 2027 Driftless Ceramics Biennial Group Exhibition

Deadline: January 31 | 2027 Artspire Fine Art Fair Vendor

Group Glass Show

Carnelian Art Gallery

Submission Deadline: March 1

2027 Pro Musica International Choral Festival

Albany Pro Musica

July 19 - 24 | Kingston, Ontario Canada

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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