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October 21, 2026

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art hurts. Art urges voyages - and it is easier to stay at home." – Gwendolyn Brooks

"It is of the nature of idea to be communicated: written, spoken, done. The idea is like grass, It craves light, likes crowds, thrives on crossbreeding, grows better for being stepped on." – Ursula K. Le Guin

"The poet, described in ideal perfection, brings the whole soul of man into activity, with the subordination of its faculties to each other according to their relative worth and dignity. He diffuses a tone and spirit of unity, that blends, and (as it were) fuses, each into each, by that synthetic and magical power, to which I would exclusively appropriate the name of Imagination." – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd." – Bertrand Russell

"If my life wasn't funny, it would just be true, and that's unacceptable." – Carrie Fisher

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Native Lacrosse: When a Game is More than a Game
The Look Back | PBS Wisconsin Education

Onalaska Art Keepers launches fundraiser for sculpture honoring Dave and Barb Skogen
WXOW

Wisconsin Historical Society preserves Brewers history ahead of World Series
Spectrum News 1

Assembled Audience: “What does it mean to gather together?”
Badger Talks

Acting In Milwaukee | Creative Struggles | S3 Ep. 6
Creative Struggles

Rose Betts - Doodles (Swan Dive Session)
Rose Betts

Molly Tuttle - Old Me (New Wig) (Acoustic Version)
Molly Tuttle and Nonesuch Records

Alabama Shakes - Another Life (Live From Minneapolis)
Alabama Shakes

You Raise Me Up (The Orchestral Music Of Secret Garden)
Secret Garden – Official and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

> *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 ArtsVote Open Call Winning Design by Roberto Muntoreanu
ArtsVote

NEW Gov. Evers Establishes New Sister-State Relationship with Bourgogne-Franche-Comté Region of France, Creating Wisconsin’s First New Sister-State Relationship Since 1990
Office of Governor Tony Evers

NEW Americans for the Arts Announces Matt Ryan as Chief Operating Officer and Cillonia McKenley as Chief Development Officer
Americans for the Arts

NEW Now Accepting Applications: 2027-28 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read
Arts Midwest
January 12 | Phase 1 Deadline
January 26 | Final Deadline

Also
NEW Five Tips for Linking Your Big Read Programming to Sports
Arts Midwest

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

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

Rooted in Community | 2026 Annual Conference
Wisconsin Library Association
Through October 23 | Middleton

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

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

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

NEW Closing Session: The Future of Music and Independent Venues | Sociable City Summit
Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI)
April 26 - 28 | Philadelphia

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

AWA WRAP State Conference Celebrates Wisconsin Artists at UW–Madison
Association of Wisconsin Artists

COLUMN: Area School Of Heritage Arts & 'Granny Crafts'
Volume One Magazine

Milwaukee Public Museum curators created and attracted collections
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A Regional Juried Call for Art: Here & Now
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 8

Call for Applications: ACRE Summer Artist Residency Program
ACRE Projects
Deadline: November 16

A National Juried Call for Collage Art: Torn Boundaries
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 29

Arts and Creativity in Education

The Ways | Raised Beadwork: Connection by Design
PBS Wisconsin Education

SUCCESS STORY: Increasing Rigor and Achievement Through Arts Integration
Arts Education Partnership

Nobel Thoughts
Chats with the (interim) Chancellor | UW Now Weekly

Wisconsin Union Terrace sunburst chairs leaving Monday
Fox 47 | WMSN

Community Arts

What Makes Madison One of America's Loveliest Long-Weekend Destinations
Travel | Best of the World | National Geographic

Ho-Chunk opening casino in Beloit, 17 miles from Illinois competition
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The American Music Tourism Act Is Now Law. Here's How Communities Can Turn It Into Economic Growth
LinkedIn | Cheri Jamison

Folk Arts/Folklife

[PHOTOS] Thousands Gather to Celebrate Eau Claire Hmong New Year
Volume One Magazine

Literary Arts/Libraries

Kimberly Blaeser | What I Believe
Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation

Media Arts

Maggie Corry Named New Executive Director for Radio Milwaukee
Milwaukee Magazine

Richard Riehle, Prolific Actor Who Appeared in 'Office Space,' Dies at 78
The New York Times

Performing Arts

Music

La Crosse Symphony's 'Endow the Encore' campaign surpasses $1.7M toward $3.5M goal
WXOW

Presenting

Why Live Nation is going all-in on designing its own concert venues
Design | Fast Company

Other

What Helps Donors Get Unstuck?
Giving with Impact | Stanford Social Innovation Review

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

Shaker exhibit at the Milwaukee Art Museum presents a new way to live
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Through January 31

MAM After Dark: Halloween Bash
Milwaukee Art Museum
October 23

'The Rut' exhibition opens at THIS Oct. 24
Winona Post
October 24 – November 21

Closing Reception, 10th Anniversary Retrospective
Arts + Literature Laboratory
November 6

Arts and Creativity in Education

Calling Bronzeville-area students to revive student-run newspaper
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
November 2 – 5

Community Arts

What's happening in Manitowoc this weekend, Oct. 22-25
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
October 22 – 25

Also
Manitowoc weekend events bring books, music and local history
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
October 22 – 24

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 22-25 in Stevens Point
Stevens Point Journal
October 22 – 25

3 weekend events you don't want to miss Oct. 22-25 in Wisconsin Rapids
Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune
October 22 – 25

Media Arts

Marcus Theatres announces showings for two Brewers documentaries
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
October 21, 22

Performing Arts

Presenting

Chicago tribute band to perform Nov. 7
Vilas County News-Review
November 7

NEW Closing Session: The Future of Music and Independent Venues | Sociable City Summit
Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI)
April 26 - 28 | Philadelphia

Theater/Opera

Step right up! Step right up! Next Act Theatre presents a World Premiere: THE BOYS FROM BARABOO a Wisconsin-set, Music-filled Play About the Ringling Brothers
Urban Milwaukee
December 2 - 20

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

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

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

gener8tor ART Appleton and Fox Cities Application
gener8tor ART
Deadline: October 24

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

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

NEW A Regional Juried Call for Art: Here & Now
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 8

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

NEW Call for Applications: ACRE Summer Artist Residency Program
ACRE Projects
Deadline: November 16

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

Levitt Family Foundation's 2027 Festival Grants
Levitt Family Foundation
Deadline: November 20

NEW A National Juried Call for Collage Art: Torn Boundaries
Bristol Art Museum, OnlineJuriedShows.com
Submission Deadline: November 29

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

NEW Now Accepting Applications: 2027-28 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read
Arts Midwest
January 12 | Phase 1 Deadline
January 26 | Final Deadline

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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