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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye, it also includes the inner pictures of the soul." – Edvard Munch

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." – Maya Angelou

"We shall not busy ourselves with what men ought to have admired, what they ought to have written, what they ought to have thought, but with what they did think, write, admire." – George Saintsbury

"People never ask people doing serious music, 'Do you ever think about doing funny music?'" – Weird Al Yankovic

"I am certain there is too much certainty in the world." – Michael Crichton

"Everything I like is either illegal, immoral or fattening." – Alexander Woollcott

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Topping Off Team Spirit: Wisconsin inventor creates bottle cap hats for Brewers fans
CBS 58 | WDJT

Raised on the Divide trailer
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wisconsin Life | Grizz Works in Maple brings logs to life with chainsaw carvings
PBS Wisconsin

How playing an instrument benefits your brain - Anita Collins
TED-Ed

> Also
> The Music Advantage: How Music Learning Strengthens Children, Families, and Communities
> *Madison Youth Choirs*
> **October 31**
>
> *This event is part of Dr. Collins 2026 Madison Residency.*

You've Got to See This: Jimmy Buffett Covers Talking Heads' "Once in a Lifetime" at Alpine Valley in 2007
Live for Live Music

With A Little Help From My Friends | Playing For Change | Song Around The World
Playing for Change

> *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 Creative Careers in Wisconsin | Creative Copy #39
Wisconsin Arts Board

NEW National Endowment for the Arts Releases New Report on How the Arts Can Help Address the Opioid Crisis
National Endowment for the Arts

NEW Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium
UW-Madison Department of Communication Arts & International Screenwriters Association
April 9 – 11

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 23, 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

NEW Chief Revenue Officer
Wisconsin Department of Tourism
Deadline: October 29

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 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

Guardian Art Services Celebrates Milwaukee Brewers with Flag Display
Urban Milwaukee

The Man Who Taught Us How to Pay Attention
The New York Times Magazine

Craft at the Archives of American Art
Smithsonian's Archives of American Art
October 29

Exhibiting Craft History through Archival Research
Smithsonian's Archives of American Art
December 2

Gallery Q sets submission deadline for Culture & Agriculture exhibit
Stevens Point Journal
Deadline: January 31

Art at the Extremes of Exploration
Issues in Science and Technology

Robert Rauschenberg: Reinventing the Art of Flight
Issues in Science and Technology

Arts and Creativity in Education

Children's Imaginarium names new STEM outreach coordinator in Wausau
Wausau Daily Herald

Scenes from a science festival
Photo Gallery | UW-Madison News

UWM student and faculty member earn international recognition for cultural heritage project
Peck School of the Arts | UWM

MLB's most clever logo was created by an Eau Claire art major
UpNorthNews

Universities of Wisconsin names three finalists for next president
WisPolitics

LASO's Fiesta Day celebrates Latin American culture and community
The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse

Arts and Healthcare

National Endowment for the Arts Releases New Report on How the Arts Can Help Address the Opioid Crisis
National Endowment for the Arts

Community Arts

Introducing MCF's New President and CEO - Jonathan Lever Joins Madison Community Foundation as President and CEO After National Search
Madison Community Foundation

Regional tourism bureau would get a bigger share of Wausau hotel tax, with fewer strings, under proposed contract
Wausau Pilot & Review

Folk Arts/Folklife

Ousted From D.C., Smithsonian Folklife Festival Finds Its Roots on the Road
The New York Times

Literary Arts/Libraries

[PHOTOS] 'Sharing a Hmong American Experience'
Volume One Magazine

Q&A with Jane Hamilton
Book Q&As with Deborah Kalb

Hundreds Sue Meta for Copyright Infringement, Rejecting Class Action Payouts
Publishers Weekly

Catherine Barnett | Dumb Luck
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

Sarah Ashworth named PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio's first Executive General Manager
Wisconsin Public Radio

Performing Arts

Dance

One Season in, Is the International Dance League's Quest to "Sportify" Dance Working?
Dance Magazine

Music

Supreme Court recusals stop music case in its tracks, strike warning note
All Things Considered | NPR

Presenting

Maria Van Laanen marks 25 Years at Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

#49 – Taking On StubHub: The Fight Behind DC's RESALE Act with Audrey Fix Schaefer
The Live Music Industry Podcast

Theater/Opera

Broadway Contributed $21 Billion To New York City Economy Last Season Even As Production Costs Soared, According To New League Report
Deadline

Who is the Understudy for the Understudies?
The New York Times

Other

Donor Data Hygiene Isn't a One-Time Fix — It's a Leadership Priority
NonProfit Pro

Americans don't lack the will to volunteer. They lack a way in.
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

America's Black Holocaust Museum Honors Wisconsin's First Black Licensed Architect with Exhibit and Community Discussion
Milwaukee Courier
Through November 7 | Exhibit
October 29 | Community Discussion

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

Micaela Salinas Artist Fellows reception
Isthmus
November 18

Arts and Creativity in Education

UWL's Theatre & Dance Department presents The Welkin
The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse
October 23 - 25

Play Your Part
Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra
November 7

Five orchestras, one Sunday: Fall Concerts are November 15
Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra
November 15

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. 22-25, 2026
Isthmus
Through October 25

18 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Oct. 22-25
Milwaukee Magazine
Through October 25

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

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

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

23 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend
Wisconsin State Journal
This Weekend

Boosting our Local Arts & Economy
Wisconsin Office of Rural Prosperity and Create Wisconsin
November 7 | Gays Mills

16 music, theater performances to see in Milwaukee in November 2026
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | November

Milwaukee performing arts highlights for November 2026
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Various | November

Arts
Madison Magazine
Various

Wausau Area Events
Wausau Pilot & Review
Various

Folk Arts/Folklife

Klez Fest This Weekend!
Klez Fest Midwest
Through October 25

Media Arts

The Pumpkin Lady of Fond du Lac
Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts
October 29

Wisconsin Screenwriters' Symposium
UW-Madison Department of Communication Arts & International Screenwriters Association
April 9 – 11

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 23; 29 – 30 | Virtual

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

NEW Craft at the Archives of American Art
Smithsonian's Archives of American Art
October 29

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

NEW Enter Now: Wisconsin's Own Screenplay Competition
International Screenwriters Association
November 10 | Early Entry Deadline
December 23 | Normal Entry Deadline
January 20 | Late Entry Deadline

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

NEW Exhibiting Craft History through Archival Research
Smithsonian's Archives of American Art
December 2

NEW Open call for your artists: Down the Lane Artist Residency, Melbourne, March 2027
Down the Lane Studios
Deadline: December 20

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

NEW Gallery Q sets submission deadline for Culture & Agriculture exhibit
Stevens Point Journal
Deadline: January 31

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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