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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is incontestable that music induces in us a sense of the infinite and the contemplation of the invisible." – Victor de LaPrade

"I just want to make a point that it's not just great teachers that sometimes shape your life. Sometimes it's the absence of great teachers that shapes your life and being ignored can be just as good for a person as being lauded." – Julia Roberts

"Some people might look at something and let it go by, because they don't recognize the pattern and the significance. It's the sensitivity to pattern recognition that seems to me to be of great importance. It's a matter of being able to find meaning, whether it's positive or negative, in whatever you encounter. It's like a journey. It's like finding the paths that will allow you to go forward, or that path that has a block that tells you to start over again or do something else." – Jonas Salk

"Isn't it surprising how many things, if not said immediately, seem not worth saying ten minutes from now?" – Arnot L. Sheppard, Jr.

"We make up horrors to help us cope with the real ones." – Stephen King

VIDEO OF THE DAY

Wausau East alumna wins national art competition
WSAW

ACBC Creative Arts Summit, September 29, 2026
Arts and Culture Brown County

World Series: Wisconsin woman makes Racing Sausage costumes | FOX6 News Milwaukee
Fox 6 News Milwaukee

Wisconsin Halloween: Harry Houdini and Mind Reading (with Joe Diamond)
The Cabin Podcast | Discover Wisconsin

New in November: Armchair adventures, music and a little mystery
PBS Wisconsin

INTERVIEW: Colfax Drama Club Presents "Seussical"
WEAU
November 6 – 8

Pub Choir sings "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" by Tears for Fears - 5142 singers across Europe
Pub Choir

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Sing-Along
Monty Python

> *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 Gov. Evers Announces Theme for 2026 State Capitol Holiday Tree, Invites Students and Families to Create Ornaments Celebrating Wisconsin Neighbors
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 20

NEW Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project (WACP) 2026
Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

> *Explore the 2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project through this curated 11-video playlist from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Centering on this year's core theme of "Collaboration," the collection highlights a powerful cross-disciplinary centerpiece: "Third Mind," an original poem penned by Wisconsin Poet Laureate Brenda Cárdenas and set to a captivating musical score by composer Jocelyn Hagen.*

Also
NEW Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project 2026 Preview
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

NEW Arts in Action: Pat Barnett Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Laura Meilke Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Andrew Smits Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Laura Diemer Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Arts in Action: Christian Bonner Interview
2026 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Wisconsin DPI - Resources for the Field

NEW Mind the gap: 97% of arts insiders support federal arts funding. Among Americans surveyed, that figure is 42 points lower — just 55%.
Americans for the Arts, LinkedIn

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 ArtsVote Open Call Winning Design by Roberto Muntoreanu
ArtsVote

Join the Co-op Program
Travel Wisconsin
Now Open

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

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

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

World Premiere Wisconsin: A yearlong, statewide celebration of new plays and musicals returns in 2026!
World Premiere Wisconsin
Through December 31

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

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

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

NEW Welcome Back with Our Next Capacity Building Webinar Series
Creative West
November 10, January 12, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14

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

NEW Neuroarts Global Summit 2026
International Arts + Mind Lab and Aspen Institute
December 2 – 3 | Washington DC and Virtual

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 Now Accepting Applications: 2027-28 Shakespeare in American Communities
Arts Midwest and the National Endowment for the Arts
Phase 1 Deadline: January 26 (Eligibility Review)
Phase 2 Deadline: February 9 (Final Applications)

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

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

Milwaukee Art Museum puts its Monet where its mouth is for the World Series
Wisconsin Public Radio

Arts and Creativity in Education

UWL Art Open House showcases student creativity
The Racquet Press | UW-La Crosse

College Students' Renderings Could Inform Menomonie Library's Future Look
Volume One Magazine

UW-Green Bay receives 11 new Clavinova pianos as part of $2.3M Bauer donation
Fox 11 News

Corey Pompey finds his stride as the University of Wisconsin Marching Band director
Madison Magazine

UWO invites leaders to help shape education, workforce and community impact
UW Oshkosh Today

Community Arts

Create Wisconsin: Creative Community Champion Award 2026 presented to City of Oshkosh by Create Wisconsin in partnership with League of Wisconsin Municipalities
WisPolitics

What is Alex Rodriguez's and David Ortiz's Appleton connection?
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Folk Arts/Folklife

Human Powered: Tradition Bearers, Live! featuring Alejandra Jiménez
Wisconsin Humanities

Literary Arts/Libraries

Nishant Jain Makes A Case For People Watching
Volume One Magazine

College Students' Renderings Could Inform Menomonie Library's Future Look
Volume One Magazine

Wisconsin author celebrates ‘treasure trove’ of natural beauty
Wisconsin Today | Wisconsin Public Radio

Beyond Bars celebrates writing and writers reaching out from inside prison walls
Wisconsin Examiner

Okwudili Nebeolisa | Eventually
Today's Poem | Poetry Daily

Media Arts

Byte-Sized Culture: AI Policy, Discovery, and Hauntingly Good Animatronics
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

Performing Arts

Music

Milwaukee Music Notes: Wisconsin and The Great War
Milwaukee Magazine

Presenting

Arts in Education opportunities
Wisconsin Rapids City Times

Theater/Opera

[PHOTOS] Two Griffins Theatre Completes 'Houdini' Run
Volume One Magazine

Other

How Public Relations Helps Donors Find Your Nonprofit in the AI Search Era
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

Fall Gallery Night
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
November 6

Arts and Creativity in Education

UW-Stevens Point to host concerts at all three campuses in November
UW-Stevens Point
November 8 – 24

Community Arts

Things to do in Manitowoc Halloween weekend Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter
October 30 – November 1

Performing Arts

Dance

NEXT WEEK: Ghost Tongue, Mother Tongue Explores Language, Memory and the Stories Our Bodies Carry
The Glow Land
November 6 – 7

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

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

Emerging Program Institute (EPI) 2026
Artist Communities Alliance
October 29 – 30 | Virtual

Small Works Open Call
Carnelian Art Gallery
Deadline: November 2026

NEW Help Choose Milwaukee County's Next Public Art Award Winner
Urban Milwaukee
Nominations Accepted November 1 – December 31

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

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

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

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

NEW Gov. Evers Announces Theme for 2026 State Capitol Holiday Tree, Invites Students and Families to Create Ornaments Celebrating Wisconsin Neighbors
Office of Governor Tony Evers
Deadline: November 20

Music Education Partnership Grants
Chorus America
Deadline: November 20

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

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

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

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 A Spotlight On Young Musicians & 'Cosmic Connections'
Volume One Magazine
Deadline: January 2

NEW Best Communities for Music Education
NAMM Foundation
Deadline: January 5

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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

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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