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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A book is a version of the world. If you do not like it, ignore it; or offer your own version in return.” – Salman Rushdie

“I am obsessed with architecture. It is true, I am restless, trying to find myself as an architect, and how best to contribute in this world filled with contradiction, disparity, and inequality, even passion and opportunity.” – Frank Gehry

“Artistic growth is, more than it is anything else, a refining of the sense of truthfulness. The stupid believe that to be truthful is easy; only the artist, the great artist, knows how difficult it is.” – Willa Cather

“In the theatre you can change things ever so slightly; it’s an organic thing. Whereas in film you only have that chance on the day, and you have no control over it at all.” – Judi Dench

“I have never thought of writing for reputation and honor. What I have in my heart must come out; that is the reason why I compose.” – Ludwig van Beethoven

“The learning process continues until the day you die.” – Kirk Douglas

“Nothing you do particularly matters. But I’m not sure that’s a great excuse for doing it poorly.” – John Malkovich

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[2025 WIA Finalist - Islands of Brilliance](#)  
*Wisconsin Innovation Awards*

[A Milwaukee wood worker builds furniture from lost Frank Lloyd Wright designs.](#)  
*The Arts Page | Milwaukee PBS*

["Making History" Piano Dress Rehearsal](#)  
*Four Seasons Theatre*  
**December 11 – 21**

[Creating holiday wonder: Green Bay Dance Company Performance brings The Nutcracker to life](#)  
*WeAreGreenBay.com*  
**December 19 – 21**

[The Wainwrights – If We Make It Through December](#)  
*Jimmy Kimmel Live*

*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](mailto:artsboard@wisconsin.gov)!*

## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

**NEW** [Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026](#)  
*The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain*  
**Begins January 2, 2026**

[FY27 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program Now Open](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*  
**Deadline: March 19**

[Deep Revenue Losses Concentrate Among Large Organizations, Others See Slowing Growth](#)  
*SMU DataArts*

[The 25 Defining Art Events of 2025](#)  
*ARTnews*

[Spotlighting Wisconsin - Stoughton Opera House Friends Association](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*

Also

[A resonating Stoughton success: Opera House brings in more than \\$3.2 million to](#)

[area](#)

*The Stoughton Courier Hub*

[Why Are We Drawn to Art?](#)

*Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today*

[2026 Co-op](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

**Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis**

Also

[2026 Co-op Sell Sheets](#)

*Travel Wisconsin*

**Most opportunities are limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis**

[Why creativity is the most employable skill of the next decade—and how to inspire it](#)

*Fast Company Executive Board*

[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*

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)

*Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC*

[Arts & Culture Accessibility Self-Assessment](#)

*Open Door Arts*

[NEW NCN Articles of Interest | November 21, 2025](#)

*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

[Technology Support Specialist \(Full-Time\)](#)

*MIAD*

**Application Review Begins December 15; Until Filled**

[Artistic Director](#)

*Renaissance Theaterworks, Avra Search Partners*

**Deadline: January 9**

Art & Design History Faculty (Full-Time)

*MIAD*

**Application Review Begins January 12; Until Filled**

Development Director

*Milwaukee Chamber Theatre*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Communication & Engagement Coordinator

*Milwaukee Ballet*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Director of Development - Peninsula School of Art

*Spano | Pratt*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Technical Director - Performing Arts & Education Center (PAEC)

*Oak Creek Performing Arts & Education Center | WI Education Career Access Network*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Education Program Facilitator

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Registrar Assistant (Temporary 8 - 12 Months)

*Racine Art Museum*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Arts and Culture Reporter | Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

*Dayforce Jobs*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

President | Goodman Community Center

*Spano | Pratt*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Chief Curator

*Haggerty Museum of Art | Marquette University*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Media Relations and Marketing Manager

*UCC/Latino Arts*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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

**Deadlines | Resources | Events**

35th Anniversary Conference | Building Our Future Together  
*Artist Communities Alliance*  
**Through December 11 | Santa Fe, NM**

America's Invitation | Share Your Story  
*America 250*  
**Deadline: Before July 4, 2026**

We're Back with Another Capacity Building Webinar Series  
*Creative West*  
**Through September 8, 2026**

Fundraising Readiness and Prospecting  
*Capacity Building Webinar Series | Creative West*  
**December 9**

Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts  
*Create Wisconsin*  
**December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available**  
**February 16 | Application Deadline**

APAP Conference  
*Association of Performing Arts Professionals*  
**January 9 – 13 | New York City**

Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals  
*Mid-America Arts Alliance*  
**Deadline: January 15**

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 15 | Intent to Apply**  
**January 29 | Application Deadline**

Gov. Evers, PSC Announce Applications Open for Nonprofit Access Grant Program  
*Office of Governor Evers*  
**Deadline: February 2**

FY2027 Creative Communities Grant Program and America250 Grant Program Now Open  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*  
**February 11 | Intent to Apply Deadline**  
**February 18 | Application Deadline**

USArtists International  
*Mid Atlantic Arts*  
**Deadline: February 25**

2026 National Conference  
*American String Teachers Association*  
**February 25 - 28 | San Francisco, CA**

2026 Legislative Conference  
National PTA  
**March 2 - 4 | Alexandria, VA**

Brick by Brick | WIGCOT 2026  
*Travel Wisconsin*  
**March 15 – 17 | Milwaukee**

Business of Art Conference V  
*Dane Arts*  
**April 23 – 24 | Madison**

Super Early Bird Registration is Now Open!  
*American Alliance of Museums*  
**Through January 16 | Super Early Bird Registration**  
**May 20 - 23 | 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**

Bridge Work artists explore nature, human subjects and techno-fascism  
*The Capital Times*

[Slow Art, Real Connection: Film Lives On in the Midwest](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

## **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[Celebrate Wisconsin's Native American Heritage Year-Round](#)  
*DPI ConnectED | WI Department of Public Instruction*

[Wisconsin artist, CUW student featured in yearlong exhibit](#)  
*Ozaukee County News Graphic*

## **Arts and Healthcare**

[Beyond Words](#)  
*Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting*

[The Principles of Learning Any Complex Skill](#)  
*Science of Choice | Psychology Today*

[Analysing comfort with primary care discussions and openness to social prescribing as mediators of the associations between loneliness and wellbeing among Canadians aged 55 and older](#)  
*Springer Nature*

## **Community Arts**

[Frank Lloyd Wright Designed House To Be Renovated, Converted To Museum](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*

[Northwoods Policy Network launches to promote state's rural northern region](#)  
*WisBusiness*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[Augusta Area Foundation Commits \\$100,000 Through Community Match for Imagination Library Campaign](#)  
*WEAU*

[The Gift Of Literacy: Give a Kid a Book Drive Returns Through Dec. 15](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Through December 15**

[Libraries and museums get federal funding back after Trump cuts](#)  
*Books | NPR*

[Adam Giannelli | Dear Stutter \["Certain words are still warm with your touch"\]](#)  
*Poem of the Day | Poetry Foundation*

[Robert Laidler | Jr](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## Media Arts

[Kate Hudson nominated for Golden Globe for Milwaukee-based 'Song Sung Blue'](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## Performing Arts

### Music

[Everything you always wanted to know about Art Paul Schlosser \(but were afraid to ask\)](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[The Adventures of Oh Geeez, Not Again](#)  
*MKE Music | Urban Milwaukee*

[Apple Music names classical album of 2025](#)  
*The Well-Tempered Ear*

["The Greatest Piece of Participatory Art Ever Created"](#)  
*Freakonomics Radio*

### Presenting

[Bringing Broadway to State Street](#)  
*Isthmus*

[Tributes, not politics, play center stage as Trump hosts the Kennedy Center Honors](#)  
*Culture | NPR*

### Theater/Opera

[CULTURE CLUB: 90 Years of Community Impact at Peninsula Players](#)  
*Door County Pulse*

## Other

[GenAI, the unreliable narrator - Large language models offer compelling content, but demand active and skeptical readers](#)  
*ArtsManaged Field Notes | E. Andrew Taylor*

[4 Steps to Address the Disconnect Between Programs and Fundraising](#)  
*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

[Frank Lloyd Wright exhibition at MOWA features never-before-seen constructions of Wright designed furniture](#)

*Washington County Insider*

**Through January 25**

[Watercolor Wisconsin 2025](#)

*Racine Art Museums*

**December 10 – April 18**

[MMoCA celebrates small town life in 'A Broad Sweep of Sky'](#)

*The Capital Times*

**December 12 – March 29**

[Café Corazón Hosting a Festive Paint-and-Sip After-Hours Dec. 14 in Bay View](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**December 14**

### Arts and Creativity in Education

[Holiday Market at MPS's Vincent School of Agricultural Sciences Studies is Dec. 9 and 11](#)

*Urban Milwaukee, MPS*

**December 9, 11**

[Spring 2026 Visiting Artist Colloquium](#)

*UW-Madison Art*

**Wednesdays @ 5 – 6:15pm | Spring 2026**

### Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Leslie Odom Jr., Amy Shea and more Isthmus Picks](#)

*Isthmus*

**Through December 11**

### Literary Arts/Libraries

[Holiday train exhibit returns to Eau Claire library](#)

*WEAU*

**Through December 27**

[This new film will highlight the voices and stories of Harambee](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**December 16**

## Media Arts

[This new film will highlight the voices and stories of Harambee](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**December 16**

[Riverwest Radio Hosts First Holiday Market & Cookie Sale](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**December 20**

[Discover 5 must-try adventures from this season of 'Wisconsin Life'](#)  
*PBS Wisconsin*  
**Thursdays | January 2026**

## Performing Arts

### Dance

[See photos of 'The Nutcracker,' performed by Milwaukee Ballet](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**Through December 26**

### Music

[Tri-State Accordion Club Monthly Meeting | Earl's Grocery & Saloon](#)  
*La Crosse Local*  
**December 9**

[CVSO: The Magic of Christmas](#)  
*The Country Today*  
**December 13**

[CWSO & Danny Mitchell bring holiday music to Stevens Point Dec. 13-14](#)  
*Stevens Point Journal*  
**December 13 – 14**

### Presenting

[Free concert alert: Fox Cities Swing Band brings big band era jazz to Thrasher](#)  
[Opera House](#)  
*Ripon Commonwealth Press*  
**December 14**

[Bob Dylan Announces Extensive 2026 U.S. Tour](#)  
*Rolling Stone*  
**March 27 | La Crosse**

## **Theater/Opera**

[\[PHOTOS\] Menomonie Theater Guild Presents Irving Berlin's 'White Christmas'](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*  
**Through December 14**

[Veteran director planning a 'Black Nativity' with exuberance](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*  
**December 11 – 14**

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

[Residency Opportunities | December + January](#)  
*Artist Communities Alliance*  
**Various**

[Nonprofit Capacity Building Grant](#)  
*St. Croix Valley Foundation*  
**Deadline: Rolling**

[Boost Your Art Career With SVA Continuing Education Courses, Workshops, and Residencies](#)  
*Colossal*  
**Various**

[Mary L. Nohl Suitcase Export Fund](#)  
*The Lynden Sculpture Garden and Greater Milwaukee Foundation*  
**Deadline: Until Funds Are Exhausted for This Cycle**

[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.**

[America's Invitation | Share Your Story](#)  
*America 250*  
**Deadline: Before July 4, 2026**

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**

Create Wisconsin Announces the Create Wisconsin Statewide Artist Grant Program with support from the Ruth Foundation for the Arts

*Create Wisconsin*

**December 15 | Application and Submission Materials Available**

**February 16 | Application Deadline**

Fine Arts Work Center invites applications for writing fellowships

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 15**

Artist Submissions Open

*Carnelian Art Gallery*

**Deadlines: December 15**

Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**December 15 | Applications Available**

**January 15 | Application Deadline**

PBS Wisconsin offering \$500 grants for community conversations on American democracy

*Merrill Foto News*

**Deadline: Apply through December 17**

It's Time to Vote! Milwaukee Election Commission and Milwaukee Public Schools Announce Finalists for the "I Voted Early" Sticker Design Contest

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Voting ends December 17 (for Milwaukee residents)**

United for Libraries and Penguin Random House Grants to U.S. Rural and Small Libraries

*United for Libraries | American Library Association*

**Applications Open from December 17 - January 21**

[Literary Arts Fund invites applications from literary arts nonprofits](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 19**

[Submissions for Up-and-Coming Artists Now Open to Perform during Summerfest 2026](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Deadline: December 21**

[Arts for All Roadtrip](#)

*Roadtrip Nation*

**Deadline: December 21**

[Bobby Anspach Studios Foundation invites applications for inaugural grants program](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 30**

[Classics for Kids Foundation invites applications from K-12 music programs](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries invites applications from schools around the country](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Golden Haiku Poetry Competition](#)

*Golden Triangle*

**Deadline: January 11**

[Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Virginia Center for the Creative Arts invites applications for fellowships](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Wisconsin public school districts encouraged to apply for Fab Labs Grants](#)

*WEDC*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Nationwide Grant Opportunity to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals](#)

*Mid-America Arts Alliance*

**Deadline: January 15**

[Gottlieb Foundation invites applications from mature artists](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

Les Paul Foundation invites applications for music programs  
*Philanthropy News Digest*  
**Deadline: January 15**

National Endowment for the Arts Big Read  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 15 | Intent to Apply**  
**January 29 | Application Deadline**

2026 Aviation Art Contest - "Fly to Save Lives"  
*Wisconsin Department of Transportation*  
**Deadline: January 16, 2026**

RAM Artist Fellowships and Emerging Artist Award  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**Deadline: January 23**

2026 North American Competition & Festival  
*PianoArts*  
**Deadline: January 26**

Applying for Shakespeare in American Communities: Schools  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)**  
**February 12 | Application Deadline**

Applying For Shakespeare In American Communities: Juvenile Justice  
*Arts Midwest*  
**January 29 | Intent to Apply (Mandatory)**  
**February 12 | Application Deadline**

Best Communities for Music Education Award  
*NAMM Foundation*  
**Deadline: January 31**

Artist Applications Open For 52nd Annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts  
*Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts, ZAPP*  
**Deadline: January 31**

Also

Applications open for 52nd annual Stevens Point Area Festival of the Arts  
*Point/Plover Metro Wire*  
**Deadline: January 31**

**NEW** Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students  
*National Alliance for Musical Theater | National Endowment for the Arts*  
**February 2 | Draft 1 Submission Deadline**

Creative Power  
*ARTS for ALL Wisconsin*  
**Call for Art submission deadline: February 14**

USArtists International  
*Mid Atlantic Arts*  
**Deadline: February 25**

Get ready for a re-imagined fan-favorite exhibition  
*Racine Art Museum*  
**March 13, 14 | Drop-Off Submissions**  
**No earlier than March 9 and no later than March 13 | Shipped Submissions**

Open Call for Artists | In a State of IF  
*The Art of Infertility*  
**Submission Deadline: March 15**

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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