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There will be no *Wisconsin Arts News* tomorrow (12/12/25) due to the Wisconsin Arts Board’s Quarterly Meeting.

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“The art of art, the glory of expression and the sunshine of the light of letters, is simplicity.” – Walt Whitman

“I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people convinced that they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference after another.” – Ellen Goodman

“Woe to that nation whose literature is cut short by the intrusion of force. This is not merely interference with freedom of the press but the sealing up of a nation’s heart, the excision of its memory.” – Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

“In all our associations; in all our agreements let us never lose sight of this fundamental maxim — that all power was originally lodged in, and consequently is derived from, the people.” – George Mason

“A loud voice cannot compete with a clear voice, even if it’s a whisper.” – Barry Neil Kaufman

“I’ve never had a humble opinion. If you’ve got an opinion, why be humble about it?” – Joan Baez

## VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Violins of Hope-Wisconsin: Grand Opening Reflections](#)  
*Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra*

[Sam Grisman Project : Full Concert - NEW LIVE from Stoughton Opera House \(November 6, 2025\) - 4k](#)  
*Sam Grisman Project*

*Thanks for sharing, Stoughton Opera House!*

[Quiet Takes - Seasick - Official Video](#)  
*Quiet Takes*

Also  
[Quiet Takes Lifts The 'Veils' On Her Upcoming EP Release](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Art exhibits shining light on power of individual action](#)  
*WEAU*  
**Through December 22**

*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** [Wisconsin Arts Board Quarterly Meeting](#)  
*Wisconsin Arts Board*  
**December 12 | Milwaukee**

**NEW** [A Transformational Investment in Midwestern Creativity](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

**NEW** [Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!](#)  
*Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and Wisconsin Visual Artists*  
**Deadline: March 2**

**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**

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**

[A Finer Take On Art at Fine Line Designs Gallery](#)

*Door County Pulse*

[Wood artist creates custom Leprechaun installation for Notre Dame basketball](#)

*WNDU*

[Call for Artists: Lynden's Winter Carnival](#)

*Lynden Sculpture Garden*

[Sunshine of Your Lamp | Woodson Wanderings](#)

*Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum*

[Door County Maritime Museum Named "Exemplary Employer"](#)

*Door County Pulse*

[Frank Lloyd Wright Didn't Just Design Buildings—He Invented Fonts, Too](#)

*Artnet News*

### **Arts and Creativity in Education**

[UW-Stout Student Wins 2026 State Park Sticker Design Competition](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

[Future Panthers? Milwaukee high school freshmen visit UWM to jump-start college dreams](#)

*M<sup>3</sup> | UW-Milwaukee*

[Polytechnic universities focus on practical, career-oriented skills, offering an alternative to traditional universities](#)

*The Conversation*

### **Community Arts**

[Superior arts organization reignites](#)

*Superior Telegram*

[Plans for new sales tax in Sturgeon Bay move forward](#)

*WTAQ*

[Hidden 'Treasure Island:' Wisconsin demolition exposes shuttered store](#)  
*Fox 6 Now*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[LOCAL LIT: 'Hippos' | Rose Adams](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Submissions for Across the Great Divides: a Search for Poetry, Soul and Understanding in a Divided Nation](#)  
*City Lore and Bowery Poetry*  
**Deadline: December 31**

[Little Free Library Divinations: Searching for the Meaning of Life in Discarded Books and Found Objects](#)  
*The Marginalian*

[America250: The Story of American Literature](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

[Lawrence Joseph | The Imagination Completes Its Grand Circuit,](#)  
*Poem-a-Day, Poets.org*

## **Media Arts**

[How Can Movie Theaters Fill More Seats Again? A Bain Report Shares Suggestions](#)  
*The Hollywood Reporter*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Music**

[Congressman asks FTC to investigate AllTrack and Pro Music Rights](#)  
*Music Business Worldwide*

[Prolific 'Pink Pants' popster Bluejacket has big plans - Madison's Isaiah Hasman is more than just lucky with the algorithm](#)  
*Isthmus*

[How Soon Will Sports Betting Come to Classical Music?](#)  
*The Nightingale's Sonata | Thomas Wolf*

### **Presenting**

[10 best Milwaukee concerts of 2025, plus the worst show of the year](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

### **Theater/Opera**

[Emily Nussbaum Named The New Yorker Theatre Critic](#)  
*Playbill*

## Other

[How Nonprofits Can Avoid Tech Fatigue](#)  
*NonProfit Pro*

[2025 End of year review: Culture is our compass](#)  
*International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)*

## 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

[Installation of New Works by Martine Syms in Milwaukee's Bronzeville District, Presented by Bronzeville Center for the Arts and Sculpture Milwaukee](#)  
*Urban Milwaukee*  
**On Exhibit**

[Wisconsin Indigenous Artists at Portrait Society Gallery](#)  
*Shepherd Express*  
**Through December 27**

[World's Tallest Glass Tree Returns: Public Invited to Help Create 36-Foot Ruby Red Spectacle](#)  
*Milwaukee Community Journal*  
**December 12 – 14**

[A view of Madison like none other from John Steuart Curry](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*  
**December 12 – March 29**

[Winter 2025/26 Exhibitions Reception](#)  
*Overture Galleries | Overture Center for the Arts*  
**January 9**

## Arts and Creativity in Education

[Kids in the Rotunda: The Handphibians](#)  
*Overture Center for the Arts*  
**December 13**

## 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: Jordan Klepper, Madison Ballet's 'Nutcracker' and more Isthmus Picks

*Isthmus*

**December 11 – 14**

### 15 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Dec. 11-14

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December 11 – 14**

21 great ideas for your Madison-area weekend

*Wisconsin State Journal*

**This Weekend**

### Western Wisconsin Weekend: A weekend winter wonderland

*River Falls Journal*

**This Weekend**

## Arts

*Madison Magazine*

**Various**

## Wausau Area Events

*Wausau Pilot & Review*

**Various**

## **Performing Arts**

### **Presenting**

### A Holly Jazzy Christmas | Capella Performing Arts Center

*La Crosse Local*

**December 11**

[Comedian Whitney Cummings Adds Eau Claire To 2026 Tour](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**March 6**

## **Theater/Opera**

[Mayor Cavalier Johnson to Proclaim “Black Arts MKE Day” Live from the Stage at the Marcus Center Tonight](#)

*Black Arts MKE*

**December 11; Through December 14**

[Vanguard Milwaukee’s ‘All is Calm’ Tells the True Story of the Christmas Truce of 1914](#)

*Milwaukee Magazine*

**December 11 – 22**

[From Door County to Milwaukee: The Fisherman’s Daughters Brings Local History and Humor to the Stage](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**January 9 – March 10**

## **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**

**NEW** Submissions for Across the Great Divides: a Search for Poetry, Soul and Understanding in a Divided Nation  
*City Lore and Bowery Poetry*  
**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**

**NEW** Flynn Breakthrough - Open call for performances for public spaces  
*The Flynn*

**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**

**NEW** Nominations are open for the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Awards!

*Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, the Museum of Wisconsin Art, and*

*Wisconsin Visual Artists*

**Deadline: March 2**

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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