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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Do not merely practice your art, but force your way into its secrets; it deserves that, for only art and science can exalt man to divinity.” – Ludwig van Beethoven

“The goal of art was the vital expression of self.” – Alfred Stieglitz

“Every great work of art has two faces, one toward its own time and one toward the future, toward eternity.” – Lester Bangs

“My creed is that public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation with full recognition that every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration, that constructive criticism is not only to be expected but sought, that smears are not only to be expected but fought, that honor is to be earned but not bought.” – Margaret Chase Smith

“The Universe is made of stories, not of atoms.” – Muriel Rukeyser

“It seems to me very important to continue to distinguish between two evils. It may be necessary temporarily to accept a lesser evil, but one must never label a necessary evil as good.” – Margaret Mead

### VIDEO OF THE DAY

[How beer bottles and pickle jars bring colorful light to Yerkes Observatory](#)  
*Wisconsin State Journal*

[Sculpture Milwaukee brings a renowned American artist's work to the Menomonee Valley](#)  
*The Arts Page | Milwaukee PBS*

[Waxahatchee: Tiny Desk Concert](#)  
*NPR Music*

[Holiday Pageant](#)  
*Saturday Night Live*

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## TOP WISCONSIN NEWS

### FROM THE WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD

[National Endowment for the Arts FY 2026 Grant Opportunities Now Available](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*  
**Deadlines: Various**

[Arts Midwest Welcomes Four New Board Members](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

[Arts Midwest's 2024 Return on Investment Reports](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

[Announcing the 2024-25 Midwestern National Leaders of Color Fellows](#)  
*Arts Midwest*

*The Wisconsin Arts Board congratulates Fellow Tyler Brunzell of Madison, Wisconsin.*

[Recipes for Connection: Inspiring social connection one bite at a time](#)  
*Office of the US Surgeon General*

[National Endowment for the Arts Announces Arts, Health, and Well-being Demonstration Projects](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts*

[Sending Off 2024—A Bumper Year for Cross-Agency Collaborations through the Arts](#)  
*Measure for Measure | National Endowment for the Arts*

[New Study Reveals Strong Support for the Arts, but Equal Access Remains a Challenge for Half of Americans](#)

*Americans for the Arts*

[Art Attendance, Art-Making, and Social Connectedness: Spring/Summer 2024](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

[What's the Alchemy for a Successful Arts Organization? Two reports highlight what different organizations facing disparate challenges prioritize in order to thrive.](#)

*The Wallace Foundation*

[New Federal Guidance: A Victory for Arts Education!](#)

*Americans for the Arts*

[Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts in 2024](#)

*Americans for the Arts*

[Opportunity Attraction Fund](#)

*Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation | WEDC*

[2024 Wisconsin Arts Celebration Project | Curiosity](#)

*Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction*

[Poetry Out Loud to Celebrate 20th Anniversary During 2024-2025 School Year](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

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

*Open Door Arts*

[NEA FY 2025 Grant Opportunities Now Available](#)

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Deadlines: Various**

[\*\*NEW\*\* NCN Articles of Interest | December 13, 2024](#)

*National Creativity Network*

## **Job Opportunities**

[President & CEO](#)

*War Memorial Center, Milwaukee*

**Deadline: Email Search Firm**

[Now Hiring | Executive Director](#)

*Fort Atkinson Club*

**Deadline: January 3**

Internships

*Peninsula Players*

**Deadline: March 1**

**NEW** Development Director

*Create Waunakee, Inc*

**Until Filled**

Event Associate

*Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Marketing Manager

*Radio Milwaukee*

**Deadline: Until Filled**

Careers

*gener8tor*

**Deadline: Various**

Jobs & Opportunities

*National Organization for Arts in Health*

**Deadlines: Various**

**Deadlines | Resources | Events**

America's Invitation | Share Your Story

*America 250*

**Deadline: Before July 4, 2026**

Wisconsin's Own Screenwriting Competition

*Isthmus*

**Regular Deadline: January 10**

**Late Deadline: February 3**

Applications Now Open for Grants to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Deadline: January 15**

NEA Big Read Introduces New Books and Theme, "Our Nature"

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**January 23 | Intent to Apply Due**

Also

Now Accepting Applications: 2025-26 NEA Big Read

*NEA & Arts Midwest*

**January 23 | Intent to Apply Due**

Shakespeare in American Communities Expands to Support Apprenticeships, Community-Based Theater Engagement

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Intent to Apply Deadline: January 30**

Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge for High School Students | Songwriting Challenge Eligibility & Guidelines

*National Alliance for Musical Theatre*

**Deadline: January 31, 2025**

Opportunity Grants

*Wisconsin Humanities*

**Deadlines: March 1**

2025 NAEA National Convention

*National Art Education Association*

**March 20 – 22 | Louisville, KY**

Local Arts and Creativity Conference

*Create Wisconsin*

**March 24**

Create Wisconsin Day

*Create Wisconsin*

**March 25**

Business Of Art Conference IV | Artists At Work In Wellness: In Education

*Dane Arts Buy Local | Dane Arts*

**April 24 – 26**

10th World Summit on Arts & Culture

*International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)*

**May 27 - 30 | Seoul, South Korea**

AFTACON 2025

*Americans for the Arts*

**June 11 - 14 | Cincinnati, OH**

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference

*Creativity Rising*

**July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD**

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**

#### Looking Back at Bruce Pepich's Decades of Impact on the Racine Art Museum

*Milwaukee Magazine*

#### Wisconsin Maritime Museum Executive Director Kevin Cullen on his vision, challenges in Q&A

*Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter*

#### Exploring Integration of XR in Museums to Enhance Visitor Experience

*Arts Management & Technology Laboratory*

#### Following the Attendance Numbers: A Q&A with Angie Judge

*Alliance Blog | American Alliance of Museums*

#### Imaginative Learning in Museums, Part 3—Imagination Outside the Museum: A 2024 Annual Survey of Museum-Goers Data Story

*Alliance Blog | American Alliance of Museums*

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

#### Rufus King International High School Repeats as MPS Drumline Champion

*Urban Milwaukee*

#### Making Powerful Pivots with Adobe's Vince Abney

*Update Magazine | Wisconsin School of Business*

### **Community Arts**

#### A downtown block could switch from street use to public plaza. It's part of a \$33 million city plan

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

[14th Annual Gala Unveils the Next Chapter For Muslim Women's Coalition](#)  
*Wisconsin Muslim Journal*

## **Literary Arts/Libraries**

[10 winners of the 'I Love My Librarian Award' are celebrated for their community work](#)  
*ABC News*

[Guggenheim Offers the Poetry of Motion: Sign Language Verses - The museum's poet in residence for 2024 is putting poetry by deaf and hard-of-hearing artists on display.](#)  
*The New York Times*

[William Olsen | Our Heron](#)  
*Poem of the Day, Poetry Foundation*

## **Media Arts**

[Hallmark's 'A '90s Christmas' movie was set in Milwaukee. But is any of the city actually shown?](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## **Performing Arts**

### **Dance**

[The Artful Life Questionnaire: Sara Nash](#)  
*National Endowment for the Arts Blog*

### **Music**

[CLASSIC COUNTRY: E.C. Songwriter Wyatt Thomson Releases Debut Album](#)  
*Volume One Magazine*

[Our 20 favorite Milwaukee albums and songs from 2024](#)  
*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

## **Other**

[Creativity Will Never Be Efficient—And That's A Good Thing](#)  
*Forbes*

[Failing Forward: Why Embracing Failure Is Key for Nonprofit Leaders](#)  
*NonProfit Pro*

[How to Lead Well in Uncertain Times](#)  
*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>.

### Arts and Creativity in Education

[UW-Stout, Local 4-H Programs Team Up to Host 'Art U' Program for Kids](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Through January 5 | Registration**

**February 3 - March 5 | Program (Monday evenings)**

### Community Arts

[Bronzeville Center for the Arts](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

Through December 28

[What to do in Madison this week: BEEFUS, Laughing Liberally Madison and more Isthmus Picks](#)

*Isthmus*

**December 16 - 19**

### Performing Arts

#### Presenting

[Tickets are still available for 'Mamma Mia!' at Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.](#)

[Here's what to know](#)

*Appleton Post-Crescent*

**December 17 – 22**

## OPPORTUNITIES

[December 2024 Opportunities: Open Calls, Residencies, and Grants for Artists](#)

*Colossal*

**Deadlines: Various**

[Opportunities for December 2024 and January 2025](#)

*Creative Capital*

**Various**

[Opportunities for January and February 2025](#)

*Creative Capital*

**Various**



Public Art Conservation Fund Application and Guidelines

*City of Milwaukee Arts Board*

**Deadline: Rolling, as long as funds remain, in order they are received.**

Artist Residency

*Wormfarm Institute*

**Applications reviewed on a rolling basis through Mid-March**

NEA FY 2025 Grant Opportunities Now Available

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**Deadlines: Various**

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**

Fine Arts Work Center invites applications for writing fellowships

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 16**

Cast Your Vote | Eau Claire Sculpture Tour

*Visit Eau Claire*

**Deadline: December 31**

Classics for Kids Foundation invites applications from K-12 music programs

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

Short Film Fest Accepting Submissions Now

*Door County Pulse*

**December 31 | Final Deadline**

[Latest Generation Film Contest | 2024 Theme: "On This Land"](#)

*Film Freeway*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program invites applications from visual artists](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: December 31**

[Milwaukee County Historical Society Calls for Nominations for the Inaugural Janice and Stephen Marcus Public Art Award](#)

*Urban Milwaukee*

**Nomination Period: January 1 – 31**

[2025 Stand-To Veteran Leadership Program](#)

*George W. Bush Presidential Center*

**Deadline: January 5**

[2025 Aviation Art Contest - "Women with Wings"](#)

*WI Dept. of Transportation & National Association of State Aviation Officials*

**Deadline: January 7**

[Access/VSA Playwright Discovery Program](#)

*Access/VSA The Kennedy Center*

**Deadline: January 8**

[Access/VSA International Young Musicians Program](#)

*Access/VSA The Kennedy Center*

**Deadline: January 8**

[The Application Process | Graduate Admissions](#)

*School of the Art Institute of Chicago*

**Regular Deadline: January 10**

[Wisconsin's Own Screenwriting Competition](#)

*Isthmus*

**Regular Deadline: January 10**

**Late Deadline: February 3**

[ECCF Community Grant Cycle Open Nov. 1-Jan. 15](#)

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: January 15**

Also

[Eau Claire Community Foundation invites applications from local nonprofits](#)

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

Applications Now Open for Grants to Support Arts Projects for Military-Connected Individuals

*National Endowment for the Arts*

**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**

Indian Arts Research Center invites applications for artist-in-residence fellowships

*Philanthropy News Digest*

**Deadline: January 15**

The 5th Annual Wisconsin Sijo (WiSiJo) Poetry Contest is Now Open!

*Center for East Asian Studies | UW-Madison*

**Deadline: January 20**

60th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act Art Contest (Visual, Performing, Literary, and Media Arts)

*US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*

**Deadline: January 20**

Call for Visual Artists

*Overture Center for the Arts*

**Deadline: January 21**

2025 Wisconsin ArtsWest Show Now Accepting Submissions

*Volume One Magazine*

**Deadline: January 21**

Now Accepting Applications: 2025-26 Shakespeare in American Communities

*Arts Midwest*

**Intent to Apply Deadline: January 30**

**Application Deadline: February 13**

Wisconsin Writers Awards Guidelines

*Arts + Literature Laboratory*

**Submission Deadline: January 31**

2025-2026 Pump House Call for Artists

*Pump House Regional Arts Center*

**Deadline: January 31**

Artspire 2025 Call to Artists  
Pump House Regional Arts Center  
**Deadline: January 31**

JA Community Foundation invites applications for programs serving Japanese Americans  
*Philanthropy News Digest*  
**Deadline: January 31, 2025 (Letters of Inquiry)**

Alliant Energy offers 25 Innovation Scholarships  
*Alliant Energy*  
**Deadline: February 3**

Native American Library Services: Basic Grants  
*Institute for Museum and Library Services*  
**Deadline: February 4**

Call for Art 2025 | Creative Power  
*Arts for ALL Wisconsin*  
**Deadline: February 14**

Opportunity Grants  
*Wisconsin Humanities*  
**Deadlines: March 1**

America's Field Trip  
*America 250*  
**Deadline: April 16**

Vilcek Foundation invites applications for grants to support nonprofits working with immigrants in the arts, sciences, and humanities.  
*Philanthropy News Digest*  
**Deadline: June 30**

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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