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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Art does not reproduce the visible; rather, it makes visible.” – Paul Klee

“In such an ugly time the true protest is beauty.” – Phil Ochs

“Art is like baby shoes. When you coat them with gold, they can no longer be worn.” – John Updike

“The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.” – Steven Spielberg

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

“A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.” – David Brinkley

“We didn’t lose the game; we just ran out of time.” – Vince Lombardi

VIDEO OF THE DAY

[Milwaukee's SistaStrings join Metallica for historic acoustic performance](#)
Hyfin

[Prepared for business \(and NFL Draft\): New art business finds home on Military Ave.](#)
NBC26

[How to design a library that makes kids want to read | Michael Bierut](#)
TEDNYC

[Choir! of 2,500 sings Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World"](#)
Choir! Choir! Choir!

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 [The Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission announces the selection of Brenda Cárdenas as the Wisconsin Poet Laureate](#)
WI Poet Laureate Commission, Facebook

NEW [We're thinking of our friends in Wisconsin today. 🤍](#)
Sesame Street

"There are many ways to remind children impacted by community violence that they're safe and loved. Click the link above for free resources to help children and families in troubling times."

NEW [A Reflection on 2024 | Torrie Allen](#)
Arts Midwest

NEW [Statement on the Passing of Former NEH Chairman Jim Leach](#)
National Endowment for the Humanities

[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 Brunsell 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

NEW Grants Manager

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: December 20

Now Hiring | Executive Director

Fort Atkinson Club

Deadline: January 3

Internships

Peninsula Players

Deadline: March 1

NEW Development Director

Create Waunakee, Inc

Until Filled

NEW Director of Development

The Grand Oshkosh

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Director of Curatorial Affairs

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Operations Manager

Arts@Large

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Data Analyst and Systems Administrator

Milwaukee Ballet

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW Education Teaching Artist

First Stage

Deadline: Until Filled

NEW House Managers & Patron Services Associates

First Stage

Deadline: Until Filled

[Event Associate](#)

Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University

Deadline: Until Filled

[Marketing Manager](#)

Radio Milwaukee

Deadline: Until Filled

[Careers](#)

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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

[Happy Birthday to the OG](#)

Woodson Wanderings | Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

[Get Ready for RAM's Sweetest Exhibition | RAM PEEPS® Brand Art Exhibition](#)

Racine Art Museum

2025 Entry Deadline: March 29

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Mauston School District likely to dissolve if latest referendum fails in February](#)

Wisconsin State Journal

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee name president and CEO](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

[YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee CEO to retire in the spring](#)

BizTimes Milwaukee

Federal Arts Education Funding Opportunities (links below)

Arts Education Partnership

National Endowment for the Arts

- [Grant Opportunities](#)
Deadlines: Various
- [First Time Applicant Guide for Organizations](#)
- [Guidelines Webinar](#)
February 27

U.S. Department of Education

- [Assistance for Arts in Education](#)
Deadlines: Various
- [Well-Rounded Education Grants](#)
Deadlines: Various

Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships

- [Arts and Humanities Build Safe and Healthy Communities](#)
- [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program | US Department of Homeland Security](#)
Projected Availability of Guidelines: January 2025
- [Applicant Resources | US Department of Homeland Security](#)
Projected Availability of Guidelines: January 2025

[In retirement concert, longtime UWRF music professor gets her flowers](#)
River Falls Journal

[Music Education student Bridget Koser recognized with Richard G. Gaarder Award](#)
Peck School of the Arts | UWM

[A UWO Titan saw family, friends struggle with noise. His award-winning solution is becoming a business before graduation](#)
All In Wisconsin | Universities of Wisconsin

Community Arts

[2025 Nominations](#)
CreativeMornings/MKE
Deadline: January 3

[To this Madison toymaker, less is more](#)
Madison Magazine

[Heart of Canal Street campaign raises nearly \\$665,000 for 30 nonprofits](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

[Dungeons & Dragons players celebrate 50 years of friendship and fantasy in Wisconsin](#)
Wisconsin Life

[Heinen on 'several moments of truly historic significance this year'](#)
Madison Magazine

[Trempealeau Catfish Statue - A giant fiberglass catfish welcomes visitors to this Wisconsin river town and heralds its annual Catfish Days festival.](#)
Atlas Obscura

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Where We Live Anthology Submission](#)
Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts + Little Creek Press
Deadline: January 15

[Ahmad Almallah | Some Things Last](#)
Poem-a-Day, Poets.org

Media Arts

[Behind The Lens of YouTube Channel 'No-Eye-Deer'](#)
Volume One Magazine

[From Hughes to Hallmark: Your Midwest Holiday Movie Roundup](#)
Arts Midwest

Performing Arts

Music

[Milwaukee native Silas Short reimagines reggae classic for Jesse Eisenberg film](#)
Hyfin

[PHOTOS] A CHRISTMAS JUBILEE: 50 Years of CVSO
Volume One Magazine

Presenting

[The Tallest Man On Earth Returns to Eau Claire in April](#)
Volume One Magazine

[Stadium district approves new lease for Brewers. \\$500 million funding plan](#)
BizTimes Milwaukee

Theater/Opera

[Alley Stage Reading Series](#)
Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts
Deadline: January 31

Other

[2024 Blue Avocado Year in Review](#)
Blue Avocado

[From Paper to Production: How to Bring Your Event Ideas to Life](#)
NonProfit Pro

[Why a House Bill Could Put Your Nonprofit's Tax-Exempt Status at Risk](#)
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>.

Arts and Creativity in Education

[Interior architecture on display at UW-Stevens Point](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Through January 9

Community Arts

[What to do in Madison this week: Judy Collins, Richard Cates and more Isthmus Picks](#)

Isthmus

December 19 – 26

[11 Things to Do in Milwaukee This Weekend: Dec. 20-22](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

December 20 – 22

[Western Wisconsin Weekend: Tales of the holidays](#)

Hudson Star-Observer

This Weekend

[8 Hanukkah Events Coming Up in Milwaukee](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

Various

[Wausau Area Events](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various

Literary Arts/Libraries

[Marathon County Public Library book clubs: January 2025](#)

Wausau Pilot & Review

Various | January

Media Arts

[Milwaukee Film's 2025 Black History Month lineup includes 'Do the Right Thing,' 'Get Out'](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

February 2 – 28

Also

[Milwaukee Film Announces Black History Month 2025 Programming](#)

Urban Milwaukee

February 2 – 28

Performing Arts

Music

[Hometown Holiday Pops](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

December 20 – 22

[Latkes Con Salsa: A Latin Jazz Hanukkah](#)

Milwaukee Magazine

December 20 – 22

Presenting

[Oh honey, honey: 'Mamma Mia!' is coming to Wisconsin](#)

Spectrum News 1

Through December 22

[Dog Man: The Musical to Premiere in Wisconsin This May](#)

Milwaukee for Kids

May 3 – 4

[Blue Ox Music Festival Taps Greensky Bluegrass, Orville Peck, Margo Price for 2025 Lineup](#)

Volume One Magazine

June 26 – 28

Theater/Opera

['Twas the Month Before Christmas](#)

Waukesha, WI Patch

Through December 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

[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

NEW 2025 Nominations

CreativeMornings/MKE

Deadline: January 3

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

NEW ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE At Governors Island, New York 2025

New York Latin American Art Triennial (NYLAAT)

Deadline Extended: January 15

NEW Where We Live Anthology Submission

Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts + Little Creek Press

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

[NEW Alley Stage Reading Series](#)
Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts
Deadline: January 31

[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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