



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

September 25, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." – Will Rogers

"We must not confuse distortion with innovation; distortion is useless change, art is beneficial change." – Chuck Jones

"I believe that the justification of art is the internal combustion it ignites in the hearts of men and not its shallow, externalized, public manifestations. The purpose of art is not the release of a momentary ejection of adrenalin but is, rather, the gradual, lifelong construction of a state of wonder and serenity." – Glenn Gould

"Everything is raw material. Everything is relevant. Everything is usable. Everything feeds into my creativity. But without proper preparation, I cannot see it, retain it, and use it." – Twyla Tharp

"We all have our time machines, don't we. Those that take us back are memories ... And those that carry us forward, are dreams." – HG Wells

"As for the future, your task is not to foresee it, but to enable it." – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

"We must always take risks. That is our destiny." – T. S. Eliot

"The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man it is to know that and to wonder at it." – Jacques Yves Cousteau

"The most thought-provoking thing in our thought-provoking time is that we are still not thinking." – Martin Heidegger

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

How Creative Workers are Impacted by AI
Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP)

John Cleese's Legendary 1991 Speech About Creativity
Video Arts

Classical Musicians Interpret Astronauts' Footage of the Planet for Earth Music Theater
Colossal

KnotChat! (Simone Giertz and Chip Conley)
Seth's Blog

You Can Create Your Own AI, and Even a Kid Can Do It | Yasmin Kafai
The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

How to Tell a Problem From a Situation: Seth Godin
Creative Confidence Podcast | IDEO U

Arguing is a constructive skill: The blueprint to build yours | Bo Seo: Full Interview
Big Think

How to explain something complicated
TED-Ed

30 Cheat Codes to Beat Every Level of Life
Daniel Pink

How urban spaces can preserve history and build community | Walter Hood
TED2018

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Artists and Cultural & Creative Professionals at the Centre: Rethinking Work, Policy, and Cultural Ecosystems
ENCATC Congress 2026
Through September 25 | Nice, France

Mayor Bowser Kicks Off 2023 Creates Month, Marks a Decade of Showcasing DC as the Capital of Creativity
DC.gov
Through September

Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold
BloomingtonMN.gov
Through October 27 | Tuesdays

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

Through December

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

Through January 10

Call for Story Pitches: Creative Activities in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois

Arts Midwest

Deadline: September 27

NEW Transforming the Social Sector Through Enterprise Capital

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

October 5 | Virtual

Fearless Science Forum: How do Scientists know what they know

Morgridge Institute for Research

October 13

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

CMU's AI Institute for Societal Decision Making presents Creative AI and the Ethics of Art

Free to the People | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

November 17

Crayola Creativity Week 2027

Crayola

January 25 – 31

NEW Sound Development

Sound Diplomacy

February 9 | Los Angeles, CA

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

Also

Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4

TED Blog

March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA

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

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2026/2027

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

White House Backtracks on Plan to Exert New Control Over N.I.H. Grants

The New York Times

Cleveland's IngenuityFest returns with 3 days of art and technology

Cleveland.com

September 25 - 27

Judge Blocks Trump's White House Ban on CNN, MS NOW and Politico

The New York Times

The 100 Best TV Shows of the 21st Century | 40 – 21

The New York Times

Secretary Lonnie Bunch Reflects on His Extraordinary Career at the Smithsonian

Smithsonian Voices | National Air and Space Museum

41 leaders debunk AI myths

Fast Company Executive Board

Mexico promotes a community tourism model strengthened by knowledge and science

UNESCO

A Filmmaker on What it Takes to Spend Four Years With Lions

Animals | Ask an Expert Anything | National Geographic

When Is a Bet Not a Bet?

Freakonomics Radio

Resistance Isn't a Human Flaw, It's a Feature

Proof of Humanity | Psychology Today

Judge Questions Legal Points of Paramount's Settlement With States at Hearing, Says a Ruling Will Come in 'Due Course'

Variety

How to Memorize an Entire Chapter from "Moby Dick": The Art and Science of Remembering Everything

Open Culture

Studying the building blocks of early math learning

Penn Today

Unlocking Creativity: Lessons from the Margo Pawel Design Symposium

The Voice of Wilkinson, Chapman University

Scientists develop high-resolution molecular maps of Alzheimer's and related brain disorders

NIH

Motivated by Music

US Department of Veterans Affairs

Spotify founder's body scan startup designs a new kind of health clinic

Design | Fast Company

Dolly Parton's beloved free-book program is getting a major expansion after her death

Fast Company

Fighting to Save the World's Most Wanted Animal

Animals | National Geographic

Woman featured in iconic Great Depression photo didn't know she was famous until 40 years later

Upworthy

Trump's NPR-PBS Funding Fight Quietly Comes To An End.

Inside Radio

National Trust, after battling with Trump, to announce legal defense fund

The Washington Post

The Pangram Backlash Unfolding on College Campuses - Professors are tearing their hair out over AI detectors.

The Atlantic

The painful, complicated roots of American mid-century design trace back to Japanese American concentration camps

MSN, Philadelphia Inquirer

Nova Scotia Shut Down Libraries. Then Things Got Ugly

The Walrus

AI: a very human tragedy Mankind will always overreach

UnHerd

'Farming with flair': Tractor ballet turns hay baling into art

Wisconsin Public Radio

The Most Creative Thing You Can Do Is Look Again

Connect to Creativity | Psychology Today

A Surprising New Way People Can Protect Gorillas

Animals | National Geographic

Are Humans Losing The Plot Of Our Own Story? Maybe . . .

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

The Language of Thought

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Getting Pediatricians To Weigh In On Math: A Q&A With Arun Ramanathan

Forbes

An even dozen: ASU named No. 1 in innovation for 12th straight year

ASU News | Arizona State University

Opinion | Let the humanities be economically useless

The Daily Iowan

Creating Space for Women to Lead, Innovate, and Thrive

All Together | Society of Women Engineers

Def Jam cofounder Rick Rubin says AI art's creativity is in the prompt

Business Insider

Healing Grows exhibition explores art, nature, health, and well-being at medical school

Virginia Tech

Journey Under the Sea With 20 Amazing Photos of Marine Life, From Seahorses to Manta Rays to Orcas to Turtles

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

For Years, the Smithsonian Strove to Bring the African American History and Culture Museum to the National Mall. Now, It Celebrates a Decade as a Beacon of Understanding, Community and Resilience

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Cameras Capture Adult Chimpanzees Passing Tools—and Know-How—to Their Young, Teaching Important Skills to the Next Generation

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Say the Human Brain Might Be Made of Two Distinct Nervous Systems That Got Squished Together

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Paramount, Warner Bros. Insiders Were Stunned by the Settlement With State AGs. Now They're Girding for Inevitable Mass Layoffs

Variety

Also

Rob Bonta, Facing Skeptics, Defends 'Very Strong' Paramount Deal

Variety

David Ellison Says Paramount Hopes to Close Warner Bros. Deal in 'Two Weeks' in Staff Memo

Variety

What's in the Paramount Settlement With States: Commitment to Not Sell Studio Lots, Additional \$300M Yearly Investment in U.S. Film Production, CNN Oversight and More

Variety

Imagination is not escapism, it brings us closer to reality

IAI News

The importance of scale with innovation

Impact Council | Fast Company

Stop asking AI to be creative. Ask it to be correct

Work Life | Fast Company

29 leaders on trends they misjudged

Fast Company Executive Board

Carla Hall on cooking, courage, and curiosity

It's Been A Minute | NPR

The 2026 Booker Prize shortlist is 'writing at its best'

Book News & Features | NPR

The 'Here and Now': How Music and Dance Set Us Free

The Flow of Creativity | Psychology Today

How libraries in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania communities evolved from subscription clubs to vital public institutions

The Conversation

That's All? Team Paramount Nabs Warner Bros. With Only Minor Concessions to States

The Hollywood Reporter

Also

Inside the Weekend That Cemented Paramount's Hollywood Coup

The New York Times

As Russian strikes destroy millions of books, Ukraine's literary future hangs in the balance

AP news

Should the Classroom Be More Like the Gym?

The Weekend Essay | The New Yorker

Microscopic Universes Come Alive in Nikon's Small World in Motion Contest

Colossal

America's Fastest-Growing Population is Caregivers. In Michigan, Their Creativity Matters.

Arts Midwest

Hearing Gould

The Hedgehog Review

Trump Is Attacking Press Freedom and Disregarding the Law. Again.

The Editorial Board | The New York Times

Are A.I. Models Being Misled to Act Too Human?

The New York Times

Mental Health Among Teenagers Is Improving, C.D.C. Finds

The New York Times

Using AI isn't the advantage. Rethinking work is

Leadership | Fast Company

The 100 Best TV Shows of the 21st Century – New! 80 – 61

The New York Times

Despite the hype, innovation isn't getting any faster. Here's why

Work Life | Fast Company

Andrew Carnegie Foundation Approves 44 Grants Totaling \$42,350,000

Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Rhiannon Giddens' banjo connects her to her ancestors: 'The spirits come through'

Fresh Air | NPR

Paramount makes concessions to salvage \$111 billion Warner Bros. Discovery deal

All Things Considered | NPR

Also

After Crucial Paramount Agreement Come Relief, Anger and Concern

The New York Times

Can This Army of Drones Solve the West's Water Crisis?

Environment | National Geographic

There's a Space Weapon Circling the Planet. Here's What We Know.

Science | National Geographic

Crayola has retired just 13 colors in 123 years. The first 8 led to protests.

Upworthy

The Rise of Parasite Authors - First, AI stole their books. Now it's stealing their readers.

The Atlantic

'Sketchy AF': What to Know About How OpenAI Staff Discussed Book-Pirating

The Wall Street Journal

Challenging Narratives of a Cultural Desert - A study of BIPOC arts and culture organizations in the U.S. Southwest

Wallace Foundation

One of Our Greatest Writers Has Died. But Not for Me.

The New York Times Magazine

AI will not make mathematicians obsolete

Inference

20 soaring images from the Bird Photographer of the Year 2026 awards

Popular Science

Scoop: DOJ's copyright filing took key agencies by surprise

Axios

The Hard Reign of Africa's Last Lions

Animals | National Geographic

Science in a Bag, a popular part of the Wisconsin Science Festival, marks its sixth year

Morgridge Institute for Research

Kaelen Wilson-Goldie, 2026 Rabkin Prize winner
The Rabkin Foundation

This Kinetic Sculptor's Machines Are Pointless—and That's the Point
Culture | Gizmodo

Artemis 2 Set Out to Prove Orion Could Handle Deep Space. Here's How It Delivered
Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Warren Buffett's Final Investment
Gapingvoid

Using 'Brain Fire Drills' to Help Students Prepare for the Unexpected
Critical Thinking | Edutopia

Maker Learning Takeaways - Insights from Our Innovation Lab
Connect. Catalyze. Change | STEMconnector

MS NOW, CNN, Politico Allege Trump, White House Staffers Violated First Amendment in New Suit
Variety

Also
CNN, MS NOW and Politico denied access to White House after Trump ban
CNN

Opinion | Humanity Has Avoided Apocalypse Before. Let's Do It Again.
The Editorial Board | The New York Times

Human brain is two separate organs, Stanford Medicine-led research finds
Stanford Medicine | Stanford University

The Winners of the 2026 Gizmodo Science Fair
Science | Gizmodo

We Have a Climate Imagination Problem
TIME

Mathematicians Feel Threatened by AI. They Can't Quit It
WIRED

The next generation of Latino music leaders is being built in college classrooms
The EDU Ledger

The 100 Best TV Shows of the 21st Century
The New York Times

White House Moves to Take Control of N.I.H. Grants
The New York Times

Archaeologists Decode Rules of an Ancient Roman Board Game

The New York Times

Opinion | The Billionaire-Free Packers Stay True to the Game

Guest Essay | The New York Times

MIT Report Finds That AI Is Leading to “Cognitive Surrender” Among Students

Futurism

The Hard Part Is Loving The Hard Part

Gapingvoid

The United States of Innovation: How American industry can thrive for another 250 years

Fast Company Magazine

Having ‘good taste’ won’t save designers

Design | Fast Company

I use AI to save time. So why am I working more?

Work Life | Fast Company

The next phase of design will still be human-led

Fast Company Innovation Festival

Scientists Overhaul Giant Particle Collider in Search of Universe’s Hidden Building Blocks

The New York Times

Archaeologists are racing to save precious artifacts in Alaska after last year's storm

History | NPR

The 8 Best Teamwork Books That Actually Improve Collaboration

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Upside/downside

Seth’s Blog

No app is going to fix loneliness | Jillian Racoosin Kornmeier, MPH

Executive Director, The Foundation for Social Connection | LinkedIn

Love Thy Competitor

Gapingvoid

AI not a threat to films, say Shaun the Sheep creators

BBC News

Gavin Newsom Signs Bill Creating \$10 Million Post-Production Tax Credit

Variety

Paramount Settles Antitrust Case With State A.G.'s, Removing Obstacle to Warner Bros. Deal
Variety

Also

Opposition grows to Paramount-Warner Bros. merger settlement as deal enters critical week

Los Angeles Times

Paramount Weighs Some Concessions in Bid to Finalize Warner Bros. Merger

The New York Times

Step Inside the Studios of 20 Contemporary Black Artists in 'Another View'
Colossal

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The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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