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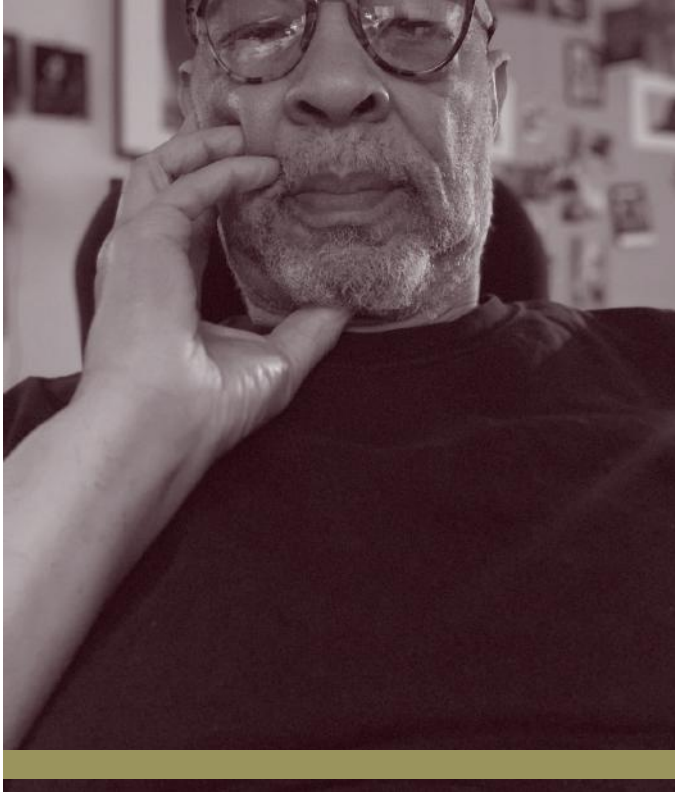
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& WISDOM FROM
CREATIVES OF COLOR
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Interview with
Caleb, a Nigerian
sculptor &
painter





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WELCOME

Cool to see you in this issue.

Welcome to **thegrapevine**.

There are not many publications amplifying the works and contributions of creatives of color. We are one of the few. Just imagine. In 2022, creatives of color still face racial marginalization and exclusion in the arts. We believe **thegrapevine** is embracing ethical humanity, artistic love and self-determination by standing up to do what we do. We want to bring aspiring talent and creative genius to our growing community. Please stand with us. Support us in the way that feels right to you. Let's celebrate. Collaborate. And, shoutout creatives of color everywhere!



Dotti Seitz

Dotti Seitz is an amazing puppeteer and ventriloquist. She tells the story of how she became a creative artist and what motivated her during her journey to develop her artform. Check out her video interview on [YouTube](#).

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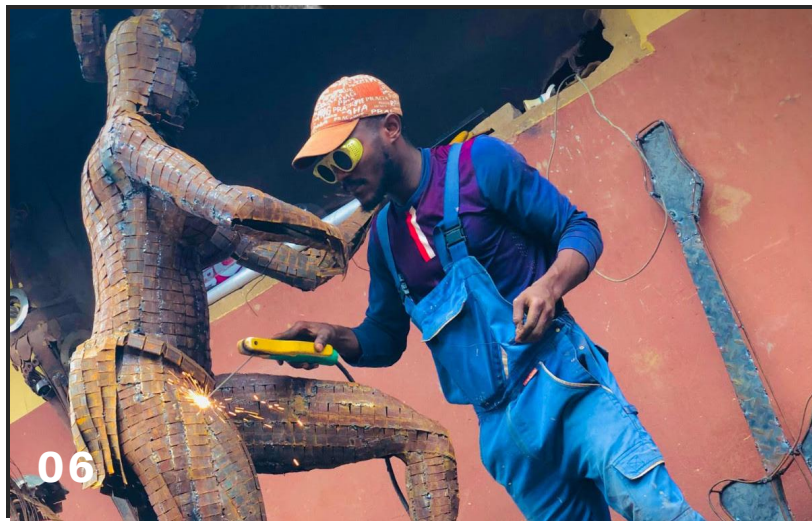
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On the cover

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CREATIVE GALLERY

➔ Dr. Zakiya Akerele



As a professor and mentor, she's taught hundreds of students how to control their careers by figuratively dumping their degrees and using the sum of

their skills, knowledge, and connections to create a professional life they enjoy. An entrepreneur and globetrotter, Zakiya loves traveling while working remotely on her own terms and currently resides near Atlanta, GA, with her husband and two children.

➔ Jill Scott on Self Love



Self-love has become a buzzword in recent years. Much like the term self-care, it's been warped for capitalistic purposes

and used to persuade personal investment in major brands."

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➔ Tea Time



There is a great deal of poetry and fine sentiment in a cup of tea'

~ RALPH WALDO EMERSON



CreativeSpeak Seminar Series Upcoming Lineup

CreativeSpeak is a virtual seminar series where seasoned, accomplished, and innovative creatives share their talent, projects, and artistic passage with a live virtual audience.



Mehreen Hashmi, Visual Artist & Curator
Fri, 26 August, 2022 12 PM EST

A Fine Arts graduate from Indus Valley school of art and architecture, Mehreen is an interdisciplinary visual artist/curator based in Karachi, Pakistan. She curated Pakistan's first Karachi Art Summit (2017) and exhibits her art internationally. [Register now!](#)



Deonte Griffin-Quick, Director of Programs and Services
Fri, 30 September 2022 12 PM EST

In his full-time capacity, Deonté serves as Director of Programs and Services at New Jersey Theatre Alliance where he builds lasting partnerships, leads statewide initiatives, and oversees programming to support the cultivation of 40 professional theatre companies.

Creative**Speak** is Zoom-casted on the last Friday of each month at noon EST. We celebrate and share the journeys of global creatives of color. If you would like to appear or suggest a creative you would like see contact cr8speak@creativeseverywhere.org



THE CR8 TEAM WELCOMES TREZER

YAY! TREZER WANJERI is our new Operations & Engagement Lead



UPDATES

CONGRATS TO VINCENT BRONSON

Vincent returned to modeling after retiring from the Metro system. cr8 applauds Vincent for his bold and passionate move.

DC MUSEUM

National Museum of African American History and Culture

WHERE WE STAND

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY with the Black Orchestral Network and proudly join a community of Black musicians from more than 40 orchestras to call for equitable change and decisive action against racial injustice in the industry.

We are deeply concerned because the American orchestral community is not well.

Black musicians have too often experienced significant barriers to inclusion, inequities in treatment and process, and indignities and devaluing of their musicianship and talents.

The systems, structures, policies, and culture within the orchestral community, and the stunning indifference of its leaders, have perpetuated and exacerbated experiences of exclusion.

We call on EVERYONE to LIFT YOUR VOICE! SIGN THE PETITION. www.blackorchestralnetwork.org



INTERVIEW

MORAKINYO CALEB

ABOVE

Caleb is a Nigerian sculptor/painter. Here he prepares for an upcoming exhibition with a new creation.

INTERVIEW

A rising star, Morakinyo Caleb, (aka Caleb) a Nigerian sculptor and painter, produces imaginative, striking, and visionary works. We caught up with him at work in his workshop as he prepared for an upcoming exhibition. The following is the result of our interview with the young Nigerian artist.

CR8: What is your favorite art form?

Caleb: *Sculpture is my favorite art form. There's this ecstatic feeling that comes with deconstructing object's, (materials) to make new forms from it.*

CR8: Where do you find inspiration?

Caleb: *My environment. I like nature and I also love being around people with creative minds and aptitudes.*

CR8: When is your favorite time to create?

Caleb: *Late night. When it's just me and my thoughts.*

CR8: What motivates you to create?

Caleb: *A lot! When I look at society I see lots of thing's that need to be done. The way people suffer and still go about their daily lives like it's nothing. Thing's like this pushes me to want to create and tell stories with my creation.*

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Poetry & Written Word



This book is a 6"x9", 70+ page compilation of poems from our Mindful Poetry community.



Poems of Protest, Resistance, and Empowerment

Why poetry is necessary and sought after during

Moryakinyo Caleb - continued

CR8: How is art important to society?

Caleb: Art has been of utmost importance to the society since the beginning of time. It helps you process your thoughts and also give you a better understanding of your environment. Art has also been used as a tool for cultural exchange, education and expression.

CR8: Describe your 'creative space'.

Caleb: I am my creative space. I chose to create wherever I find myself. All I need is be around inspiring people that accommodates me and my creations.

CR8: Who are your biggest artistic influences?

Caleb: Artists who commenced the struggle and created a niche for young talents like myself.

"Serious and good art has always existed to help, to serve, humanity. Not to indict."

CHINUA ACHEBE, a Nigerian novelist, poet, and critic who is regarded as the dominant figure of modern African literature.

WORDUP!



RODNEY GOMEZ works as an urban planner in Weslaco, Texas. His poems have appeared in Denver Quarterly, Devil's Lake, Salt Hill, Barrow Street, RHINO, and other journals. He has held residencies at the Atlantic Center for the Arts and the Santa Fe Art Institute. Google Books

<https://www.rodneygomezpoetry.com/>

Loss
Rodney Gomez

Lately I have been a gap.
Moth clouds follow me to bed.
I counted them: twenty, fifty, block, choke.
In the room where I used to sleep
a breath hangs low on the bed
and hoarsens the room.
No one knows where the air is
charged and released into the world,
but it thistles.
This is how breathing fills a house
with family: breathing to draw
the buzzing to its source
and breathing to lacquer a plugged maze.
How a house fully beamed and walled
is not a house, but a husk.
How a life in the span of a few breaths
becomes a clockless thing.



Brews News

2-3 cups of coffee a day may reduce kidney injury risk by 23% |
Written by Annie Lennon. Fact checked by Alexandra Sanfins, Ph.D

- Researchers have investigated the effects of coffee intake on acute kidney injury risk.
- They found that drinking any amount of coffee reduces the risk of acute kidney injury but that 2-3 cups per day is most beneficial.
- They say that further research is needed to understand why this link may exist.

CoffeeTrusted Source contains many beneficial compounds for health, including caffeine, diterpenes, and chlorogenic acid. [READ MORE](#)

Global Smart Coffee Maker Market to Reach \$1.1 Billion by 2026

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- A new market study published by Global Industry Analysts Inc., (GIA) the premier market research company, today released its report titled "Smart Coffee Maker - Global Market Trajectory & Analytics". The report presents fresh perspectives on opportunities and challenges in a significantly transformed post COVID-19 marketplace. | [READ MORE](#)

Starbucks to close 16 stores: safety

"After careful consideration, we are closing some stores in locations that have experienced a high volume of challenging incidents that make it unsafe to continue to operate," a spokesperson told CNN Business in an email. [READ MORE](#)

CREATIVES



▼ Ping Chong

Ping Chong, (born October 2, 1946, Toronto, Ontario, Canada), American playwright, theatre director, and video artist whose multimedia productions examine cultural and ethnic differences and pressing social issues of the moment. He is best known for his ongoing series *Undesirable Elements* (1992-), a production that is recreated for each city in which it is performed.



▼ Laritz Menjivar

Laritz Menjivar is a documentary photographer whose long term projects aim to empower and represent her immigrant family and community. In 2016 through 2019, she was awarded the presidential scholarship for the “Advanced Mentorship Program in Documentary Projects” at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Colorado.

[Visit Laritz's website](#)

▼ In Memory of Sam Gilliam

Sam Gilliam, a Washington artist who helped redefine abstract painting by liberating canvas from its traditional framework and shaking it loose in lavish, paint-spattered folds cascading from ceilings, stairwells and other architectural elements, died June 25 at his home in the District. He was 88. *Washington Post*



▼ Leaving A Trail

An early example of an interest in hiking in the United States, is Abel Crawford and his son Ethan's clearing of a trail to the summit of Mount Washington, New Hampshire in 1819. This 8.5 mile path is the oldest continually used hiking trail in the United States. The influence of British and European Romanticism



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▼ India's Travelling Library is Bringing Rare Photobooks

Each Saturday this February, Delhi's art enthusiasts made the most of northern India's short-lived spring season by visiting Sunder Nursery, a restored 16th century heritage park and arboretum. There among UNESCO World Heritage sites and over 300 types of trees was a different kind of repository - a trunk of rare and beautiful photobooks painstakingly collected and lovingly preserved by Anshika Varma, a photographer and the founder of Offset Projects, an organization dedicated to creating public engagement with photography, art, and book-making. [READ MORE](#)



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▼ Global Holidays & Observances



▼ 21-August 2022 National Senior Citizen's Day

Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate? National Senior Citizens Day, August 21, is the day to let them know how much you care and it's an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed this holiday to raise awareness about issues that affect senior citizens and their quality of life.

Today, seniors are still active in their communities as well as continuing to have a strong presence in the workforce. For all they do and have achieved for the good of their communities, senior citizens deserve our thanks!



JOURNEYS

AROUND THE GLOBE

ZAMBIA



The land of the legendary African walking safari, Victoria Falls, the wild Zambezi River, abundant wildlife, and raw wilderness, all in one friendly country.

Blessed with awe-inspiring natural wonders, an abundance of wildlife, huge water bodies and vast open spaces, Zambia offers unforgettable holidays exploring the real Africa.

Acknowledged as one of the safest countries in the world to visit, Zambia's welcoming people live in peace and harmony.

And here, in the warm heart of Africa, you will find some of the finest Safari experiences on the planet, including face to face encounters with Nature at its most wild. Spectacular waterways provide adrenaline-thrills or a leisurely playground of activities for all ages.

Seventeen magnificent waterfalls, apart from the spectacular Victoria Falls, provide 'cascade followers' an adventure into the remote undeveloped rural areas where a taste of village life can be experienced. Spectacular daily sunsets are almost guaranteed. **ZAMBIAN TOURISM**



ARPITA SINGH, PAINTER

ARPITA SINGH (née Dutta; born 22 June 1937) is one of the most important women artists in India, Arpita Singh enlarged the visual horizon of contemporary women more than any other female artist. With pink and blues dominating the palette, her strokes on the canvas painted a wide range of emotions from sorrow to joy and from suffering to hope as well. Her background and aesthetics of Indian art forms are reflected through her works. From 1960, she expressed her exuberant creativity and amazing imagination in the form of paintings. Her famous works are 'Summer months', 'Girl at the window', 'Security check' and so on. Source: Women's Web article by Shreoshree Sengupta



GAGOSIAN TAKES ON FAST-RISING ABSTRACT ARTIST JADÉ FADOJUTIMI

Gagosian, the world's largest gallery, now represents London-based artist Jadé Fadojutimi, whose ascent over the past few years has made her one of the most closely watched abstractionists working today. Article by Maximiliano Duron of ARTnews

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BLACK VISIONARIES GRANT

The 2022 #BlackVisionaries program will provide \$650,000 in grants to Black artists, Black designers, and Black small businesses. Ten creators will receive grants during this round. This includes five Visionary Small Business Grants of \$100,000 for Black designers. The program will also award five Emerging Visionary Grants of \$30,000 for Black arts and design businesses creating experimental work. The program is only currently open to businesses based in the U.S.

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MANZANAR DIVERTED VIDEO

Featuring breathtaking photography and immersive soundscapes, the film recounts more than 150 years of history, showing how this distant valley is inextricably tied to the city of Los Angeles. It reveals the forced removals of two peoples--the Nüümü (Paiute) and the Newe (Shoshone) who were marched out of the Valley in the 1860s by the US Army and the Japanese Americans who were brought here from their West Coast homes and incarcerated in a World War II concentration camp. Water lured outsiders in and continues to fuel the greed which has sucked this once lush place dry.

[View Trailer](#)



PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES

The best website builders for photographers in 2022 by Hannah Rooke (Digital Camera World). [READ MORE](#)

21 Best Photography Podcasts Worth Listening in 2022. Photographycourse.net [READ MORE](#)

11 Best Photo Editing Software (Free & Paid) 2022 by Natch Anan. Photographycourse.net [READ MORE](#)

Competition: Street Photos in Black and White. Created and judged by Christian Kieffer [LEARN MORE](#)

5 Tips to Help You Improve the Composition of Your Photos by Cropping Effectively. Digital Mentor



Reflections

"Lose the ego and let the photograph find you." - ELI REED

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LE NGUYEN QUANG VU
iPhone Photography
Vietnam >>>





Collette Fournier
PHOTOGRAPHER



"Kamoinge: Then and Now" exhibit will be Aug 20-Sep 24, 2022.

"I organized this production for The Gordon Cultural Arts Center. We are an organization that strives to bring arts and culture to the Rockland County community. My body of photographic work shows the journeys I have traveled as an African American female photographer. Unless one is in an artist's shoes, you cannot imagine the roads I have traveled and the sacrifices I had to make to document my people. I am still on that journey."



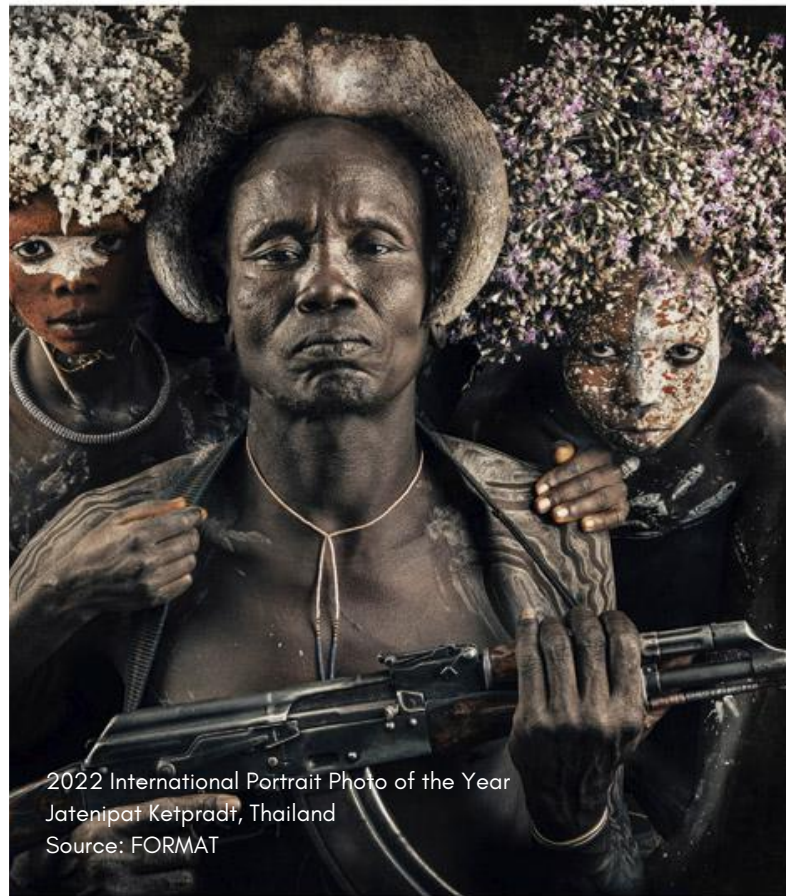
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Opportunities



Rhythmic Foundations: Terms and Techniques for Beat Making

In this exclusive lesson from Jlin's Soundfly course, we explore some common terms and techniques that


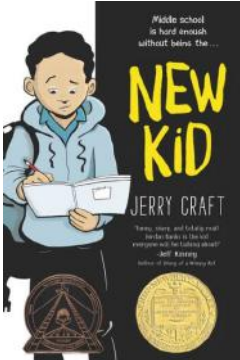


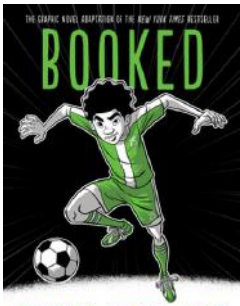

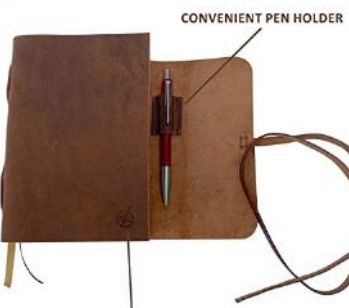

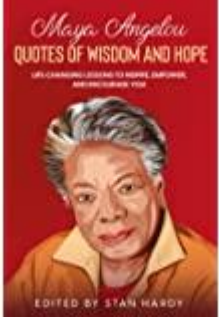


2022 International Portrait Photo of the Year
Jatenipat Ketpradt, Thailand
Source: FORMAT

MARKETPLACE



The Creative's Awesome Gift Guide

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