

66 Increasing complexity on its own is not, however, the ultimate goal or end-product of these evolutionary processes. Evolution results in better answers, not necessarily more complicated ones. Sometimes a superior solution is a simpler one. ??

RAY KURZWEIL, THE SINGULARITY IS NEAR: WHEN HUMANS TRANSCEND BIOLOGY





FOREWORD

BY RACHEL REKKAB FOUNDER ARTEM HOLDINGS Artem Holdings was founded in 2016 as an independent, privately funded global events, conferences and consulting company focusing on the contemporary art market with its headquarters in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

UNFOLD Art XChange was conceived to bring together an unparalleled B2B art business conference and summits platform. It aims to become one of the largest multicultural art exchanges and the referential art talks platform that brings together diverse cultures across local, regional and international art landscapes.

Our inaugural edition of the Art + FinTech summit took place from the 7-9 March 2019 in Manama, Bahrain as part of the fourth edition of Art Bahrain Across Borders, ArtBAB, managed by Art Select and under the host sponsorship and patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of the King of Bahrain. We explored the role of Blockchain tools in building a more transparent art market as well as uncovered existing use cases including using Blockchain powered provenance registries for the major auction houses. We also covered fractional ownership of the works of art and its potential for the Chinese market adoption. Artists and artistic creation with artificial intelligence and copyright issues as well as AI innovations for attribution, augmented creativity and forecasting art trends were also being discussed. The use of big data analytics to help collectors better manage liquidity, risk and volatility were being debated. Virtual Reality as a game changer for the arts was one of the key highlights at the summit. Collectors and private VR museum owners came together and discussed new audiences, business models and creativity that can be created through 360 experiences and the possibility of VR private museums reaching 1 billion users.

In light of the current global situation regarding COVID-19, nearly a third of the globe is in the moment of forced isolation and the superfluously crammed art world is at an unparalleled standstill. UNFOLD Art XChange has decided to address the need to speed up the global transition towards a digital art economy with the launch of the Art+ FinTech 2.0 weekly summer webinar series for the month of June with the theme 'The New Age of Digital Disruption and Innovation'.

We are delighted to announce that **Georg Bak**, **Art Advisor and Curator in Crypto and Blockchain**, **Digital**, **Generative and Early Computer Art** will be joining our curatorial advisory board to help develop the content programming for this upcoming edition.

With inevitable cancellations and postponements of art fairs, temporary closures of galleries and museums and contingency measures announced every other day, we will explore how the coronavirus pandemic is pushing the complex art world into an era of digitization and online.

I would urge you to support this new digital revolution initiative. I hope this webinar series will offer a new and stimulating virtual experience, bringing together many more thought provoking leaders in the art world to share best practices in helping us to further innovate and come out stronger after the pandemic.



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EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)

MONDAY, JUNE 1

10:00

OPENING KEYNOTE: ART & TECHNOLOGY Digitization & Virtualization of the Art Market

SPEAKER:



ADRIANO PICINATI DI TORCELLO I DIRECTOR - GLOBAL ART & FINANCE COORDINATOR Deloitte, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

10:15

KEYNOTE: GLOBALISATION AND DEMOCRATISATION OF THE ART MARKET

The Growth of the Online Art Trade

SPEAKER:



ROBERT READ | HEAD OF ART & PRIVATE CLIENTS Hiscox, London, UK

10:30

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

How are Young Collectors Driving the Online Art Marketplace?

MODERATOR:



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NEW MEDIA ART WEEK JUNE 8-12

MONDAY, JUNE 8

10:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: COLLECTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Building a New Media Art Collection and Challenges for Preserving and Exhibiting

MODERATOR:



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FRIDAY, JUNE 12

12:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE UPHILL BATTLE Will Borderless Reality go Mainstream?

PANELISTS:



MASHA & JENS FAURSCHOU CO-FOUNDERS Khora Contemporary, Copenhagen, Denmark



ANITA ZABLUDOWICZ I FOUNDER Zabludowicz collection, London, UK



PAUL MCCARTHY | ARTIST California, USA

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 (CONTINUED)

11:15 11:30

NETWORKING

FIRESIDE CHAT: 360 VIRTUAL TOURS VS VIRTUAL REALITY Transcending Perceptions in Virtual Landscapes

PANELISTS:



JOEL KREMER | PARTNER MOYOSA Media, Berlin, Germany Co-Founder The Kremer Collection



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MONDAY, JUNE 15

10:00

A NEW FORCE IN IDENTIFICATION

How can AIS help Digital Integration and Establish Greater Data Trust for the Art Market?



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FRIDAY, JUNE 19

10:00







GEORGINA ADAM I JOURNALIST & AUTHOR London, UK Contributor to the Financial Times, the Art Newspaper

Consensys, New York, USA



Joseph Lubin will discuss the decentralized future of a new art economy powered by Ethereum blockchain infrastructure.

10:30 10:45

NETWORKING BREAK



CONVERSATION WITH GAUTHIER



Gauthier Zuppinger will present the latest release of Art and Blockchain NFT report.



JASON BAILEY I FOUNDER Artnome, Boston, USA

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 (CONTINUED)

11:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: EVOLUTION OF BLOCKCHAIN COLLECTIBLES

Pushing New Frontiers for Digital Art through NFTs

MODERATOR:



JASON BAILEY | FOUNDER Artnome, Boston, USA

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12:45

13:00

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FIRESIDE CHAT: CRYPTO ART & VR:

Tokenization via Blockchain-Powered VR Realms

MODERATOR:



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MONDAY, JUNE 22

10:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE BLUE CHIP ART MARKET ON THE BLOCKCHAIN

Can Blockchain offer the Art World Ecosystem a "White Glove Solution" and Achieve Maturity?

PANELISTS:



CHRISTINA STEINBRECHER-PFANDT | CO-FOUNDER Blockchain.art, San Francisco, USA



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JOHANN KOENIG | FOUNDER Koenig Galerie, Berlin, Germany



ALFRED WEIDINGER I NEW SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR Upper Austrian State Museum, Linz, Austria

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

10:00

10:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: ARTS PATRONAGE VIA THE BLOCKCHAIN LEDGER Public Key/ Private Key

PANELISTS



JENNIFER & KEVIN MCCOY MULTIMEDIA ARTISTS New York, USA



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MONDAY, JUNE 29

PANEL DISCUSSION: CRISIS VS OPPORTUNITY

Is Digitization the Answer to a Sustainable Art Market Ecosystem?

PANELISTS:



SOPHIE NEUENDORF I VP, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS Artnet, New York, USA



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