

Nanopublication – Smithsonian dispute, a jewel heist, and museum shuffles in this week's art news

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This is a weekly news digest aggregating unrelated art-world items (exhibition reviews, a Smithsonian dispute, a jewel heist, museum appointments, a lawsuit) with no sustained argument about idea, form, or transmission for the framework's propositions to grip, confirm, or refute.

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PROPOSITIONAL GRID ^[2]

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Overall verdict: DECLINED:no-purchase – taxonomy of the August 2026 pass, predating the move to relational verdicts. Kept as metadata: the gap between the two forms is data, not residue. This reading’s judgement is in the grid above.

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FIRST PASS – KEPT AS WRITTEN

Reading produced by the T50 RSS pass, before the boundary lens. It is reproduced UNCORRECTED. Keeping it is the point: without it, a changed title is just a changed title – with it, what the second pass refused becomes legible.

Title it carried : « Magritte and Constable Under Political Pressure: When Institutional Codex Meets State Power »

This article illuminates a structural crisis in the CODEX of public institutions. The Smithsonian operates under a formal system of constraints – curatorial autonomy, scholarly integrity, aesthetic judgment – that consti-

tutes its institutional codex. When external political pressure attempts to override these constraints, it's not merely censorship; it's a forced recodification. The museum's resistance (or capitulation) reveals whether the codex can survive encounter with incompatible power structures. This is the DILUTION CRISIS in institutional form: maximum political emission (state directive), minimum institutional diffraction (curatorial autonomy). The article documents what happens when one codex tries to colonize another – and whether the ouverture of the institution can still receive and transform, or whether it becomes a mere transmission channel for external will.

T50 RSS assessment · 2026-07-12 · remplacée par boundary-lens-2026-08

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