



ART NEWS NOW: David Bowie Dies, Sotheby's Buys Art Agency, Partners and More.

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Have a minute? Get caught up on the art news people are talking about. Read on for today's art news to know.

David Bowie died on January 10, 2016, two days after his birthday and the release of his new album "[Blackstar](#)," a collaboration with a jazz quartet. Bowie was 69 years old and had been battling cancer for the past 18 months, reported [The New York Times](#).

Sotheby's announced it is purchasing **Art Agency, Partners (APP)**, a private consulting firm managed by Amy Cappellazzo, Allan Schwartzman and Adam Chinn. Schwartzman and Cappellazzo will join Sotheby's as Chairmen and will help lead the newly-formed Fine Art Division, taking a primary focus on 20th and 21st century art. Chinn will take on the role of Worldwide Head of Transaction Support, leading deal-making on a global scale, according to [Sotheby's](#). [AAP](#) was formed in March 2014 by Cappellazzo and Schwartzman with Chinn joining as a third partner in October 2014

French artist Orlan has relaunched her 2013 intellectual-property lawsuit for \$31.7 million against **Lady Gaga** and alleges that [Lady Gaga's](#) 2011 "Born This Way" pop song and video makes use of her art without proper credit, reported the [New York Post](#). [Orlan's](#) claim was originally filed in France.

Los Angeles painter Laura Owens is the winner of the 2015 Robert De Niro Sr. Prize, reported [Art News](#). Owens will receive \$25,000 from the Tribeca Film Institute. The prize was named for the actor's father, who was an artist. The Prize is awarded annually to a mid-career American artist. Click [here](#) to see of Laura Owens's artwork.

Nancy Spector has been named deputy director and chief curator at the [Brooklyn Museum](#). Ms. Spector previously worked at the Guggenheim Museum for 29 years, most recently as deputy director and chief curator. She will take over the role from Kevin Stayton, who will move into a new position as deputy director and director of collections and history.

New Foundation Seattle has created a new grant for visual artists, contemporary art curators, and critical arts writers living in Seattle and Portland. The grant, Career Incentive Funds, represents a geographic expansion as acknowledgement of the Pacific Northwest as a cultural corridor, stated Yoko Ott, founding director of the [New Foundation Seattle](#). The grant marks the first time support is

being offered beyond Seattle and into Portland. The New Foundation Seattle also recently initiated its first 100k Prize, an award bestowed biennially to a noteworthy female artist, reported [ArtNews](#). The first 100k Prize winner is [Martha Rosler](#).

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