



Art News Now - LOVE Artist Robert Indiana Dies, Richter Donates Art for Homeless Housing, Warhol's Interview Magazine Folds & More

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Have a minute? Get caught up with art news people are talking about. This edition features news about Robert Indiana, Warhol's Interview Magazine, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles and more news to know.

Pop artist Robert Indiana died at his home in Maine on May 19, 2018, [reported The New York Times](#). He was 89 years old. The cause was respiratory failure, according to his attorney, James W. Brannan. Indiana was renowned for his "LOVE" design that has appeared in sculptures set in multiple city squares, paintings, postage stamps, greeting cards and trinkets both authorized and not. The "LOVE" design was created after Indiana ended his relationship with [Ellsworth Kelly](#) and Indiana considered the design a death knell for his art while acknowledging "LOVE" brought him renown, according to the New York Times. Click [here](#) to read the full obituary.



"LOVE" by Robert Indiana, installed on the corner of 6th Avenue and 55th Street in New York. From Wikimedia Commons.

Philippe Vergne will be stepping down as director of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, announced the museum. Vergne's five-year contract will be not renewed when it expires in March 2019, [according to the New York Times](#). The museum's chief curator left in March 2018 leaving the museum open to reinvent itself again. Vergne had replaced NY gallerist Jeffrey Deitch. A search committee has been formed to find Vergne's replacement.

Gerhard Richter has donated 18 of his artworks to help finance the purchase of 100 housing units for the homeless in Germany, [according to ArtForum](#). Three series of six abstract color offset prints that are part of Richter's "Cage f. ff" series are up for sale at fiftyfifty gallery in Düsseldorf. Proceeds from the sale are estimated to achieve \$1.6 million and will benefit the Housing First Fund. Bids are being accepted at the [website](#).

Interview magazine folded on May 21, 2018 amid financial difficulty and lawsuits from former employees with allegations ranging from disputes over money to charges of sexual misconduct, [according to The Art Newspaper](#), who reports the magazine has filed Chapter 7 proceedings to liquidate its assets. Interview was founded by Andy Warhol and British journalist John Wilcock in 1969 and sold to Brant Publications for around \$10 million in 1987 after the artist's death. At the time of its closing this month, Peter Brant's daughter, Kelly Brant, was president of the magazine. Interview had been in business for nearly 50 years. Peter Brant was a friend of Warhol and collects his art, according to The Art Newspaper.

Michael Novak has been named Paul Taylor's successor of the Paul Taylor Dance Company, [reported the New York Times](#). Novak has been a member of the dance company since 2010. Taylor is 87 years old.

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