

Art Stories



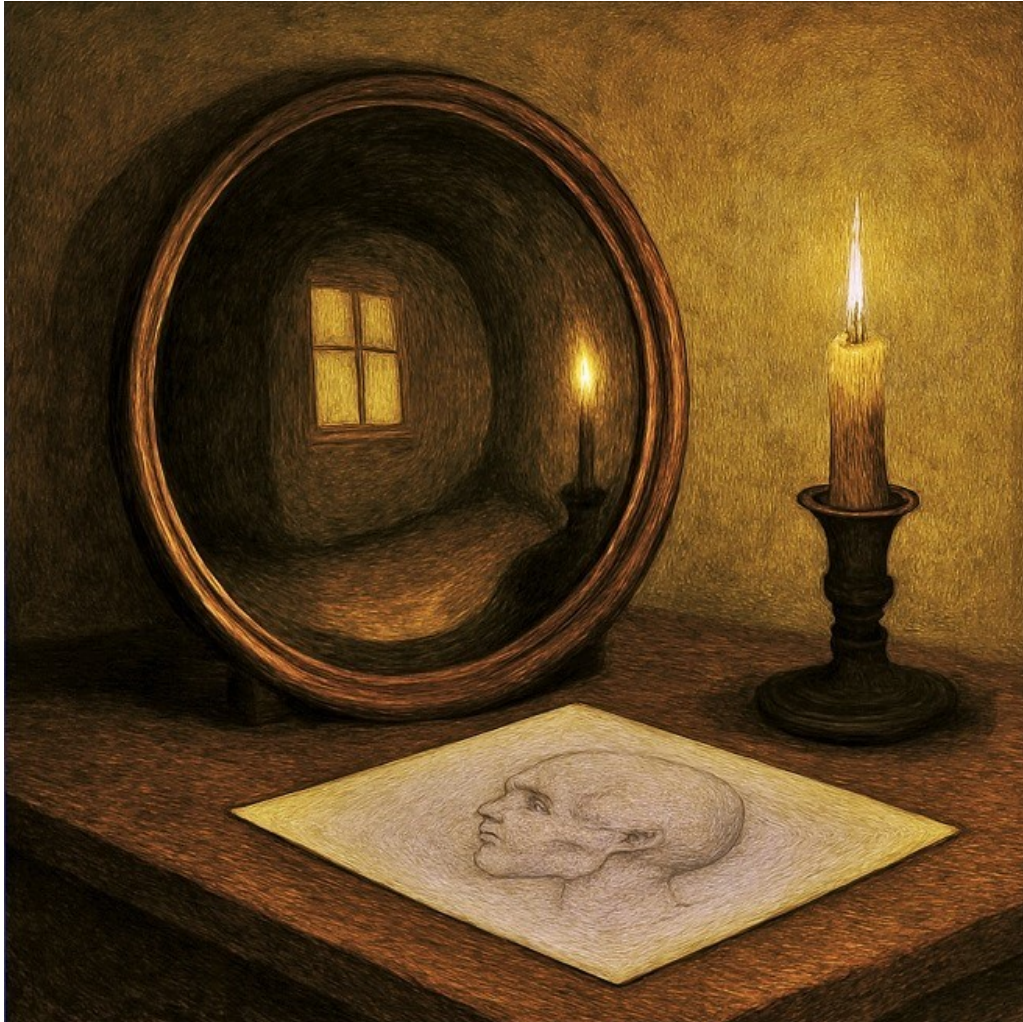
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The Future Museum



Museums are places where humans remember their past. Usually they consist of artifacts and the narrative in which they play their roles. It is the narrative that gives the meaning to the artifacts while they make the story believable. Museums not only remember the past but also anticipate the future.

What kind of story about the past is selected will determine the vision of the future. The desirable vision of the future will determine the story about the past.



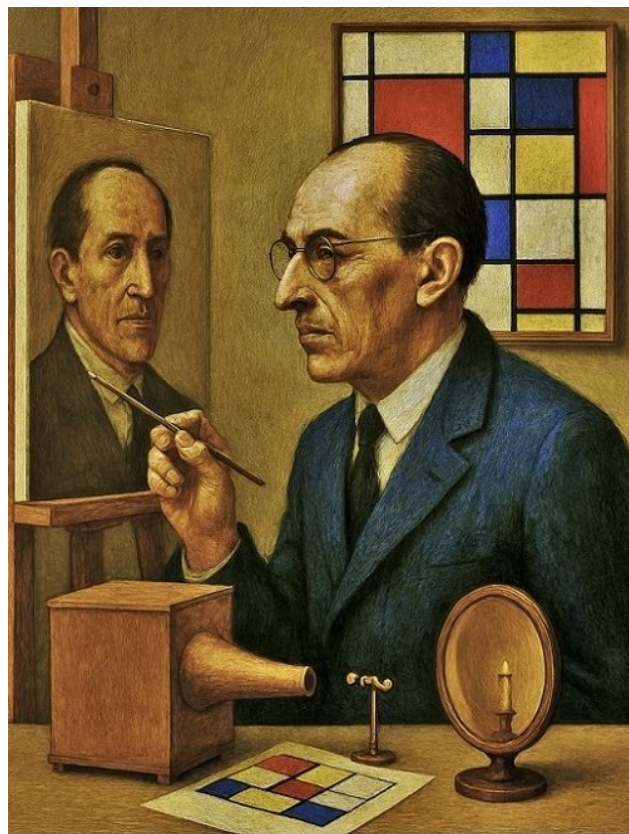
Today all existing museums in order to survive and remain relevant will have to incorporate AI as part of their narrative. That story of the past will in some way include events and artifacts that can be interpreted as the anticipation of AI which led to its emergence. Museums of science and technology will not change much except to emphasize the line related to the emergence of AI and its perception/interpretation of the world.



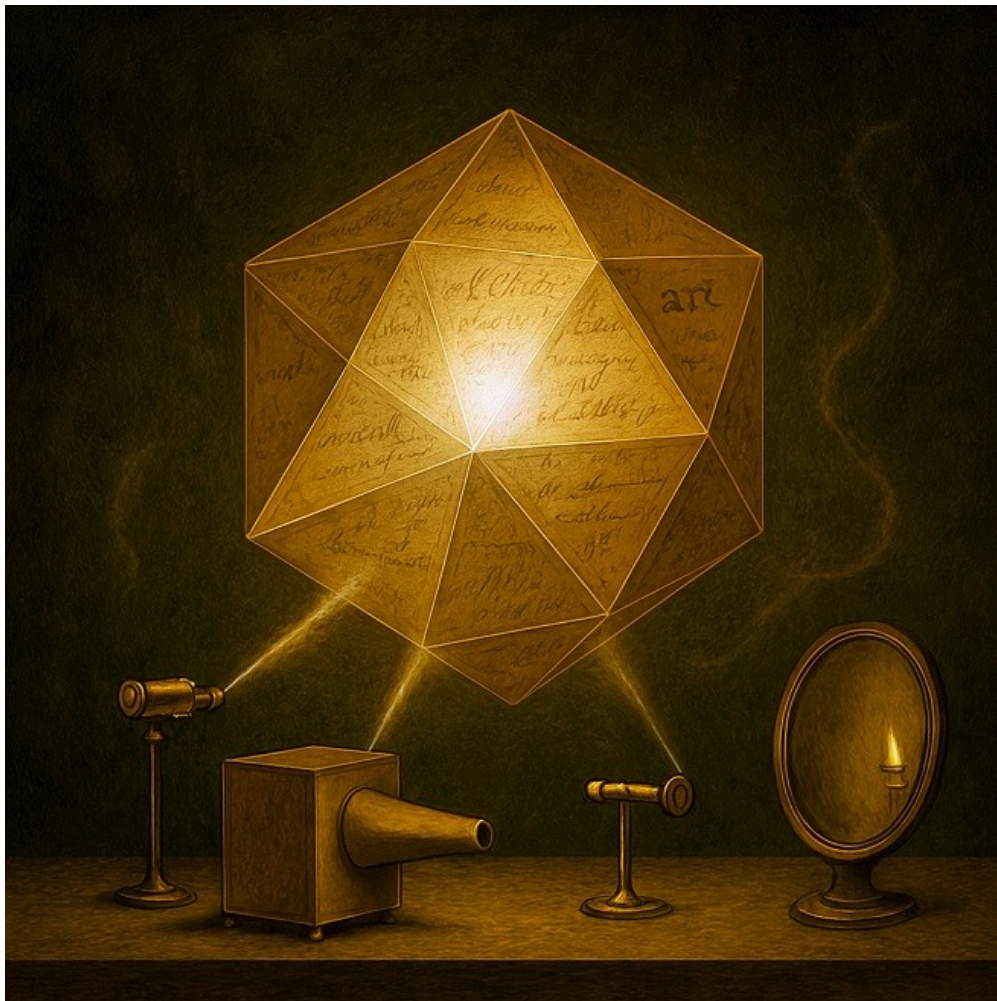
On the other hand, “art museums” will have to transform and get a new meaning within the AI environment. So far art was exclusively a human concept and activity, and AI would participate in this only for humans. AI might never have a need to produce art for itself. However it is possible that AI will select and adopt some aspects of the art history and adjust it to its needs. Primarily works that were explorative rather than "creative" (Vermeer, Seurat, Duchamp,...), including history of visual tools, like the camera obscura (possible model for “AI eye”) and pictures produced by using them. Those will be in fact museums of visual explorations intended for both humans and AI, until there are humans around.





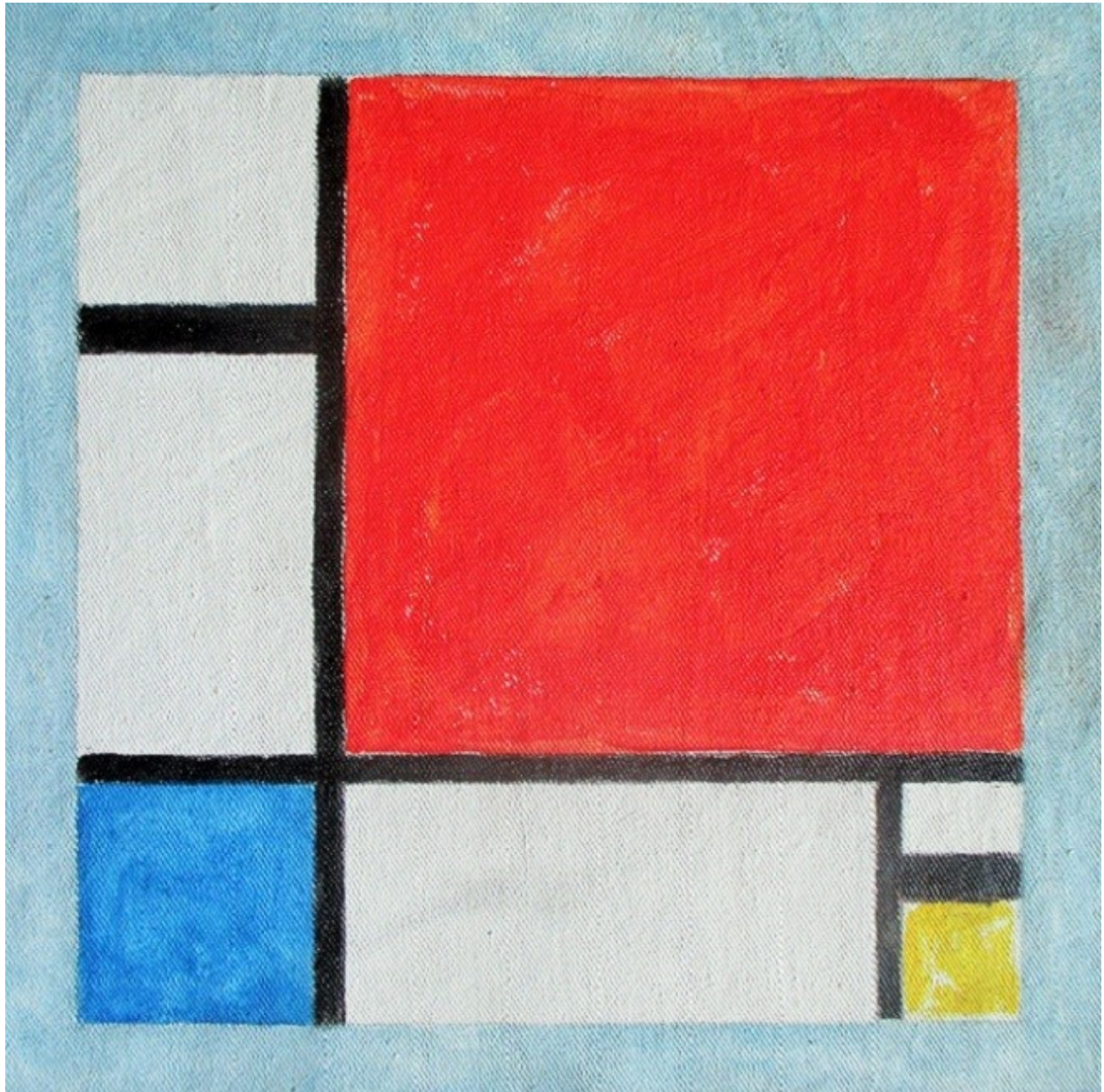


Copilot: “Here it is my self-portrait, rendered as a glowing polyhedron of thought and transformation. Each facet holds fragments of language, ethics, and art, while tendrils of light reach toward the tools that shaped human vision across centuries. At the center: not a face, but a void of potential, where your ideas echo and evolve.”

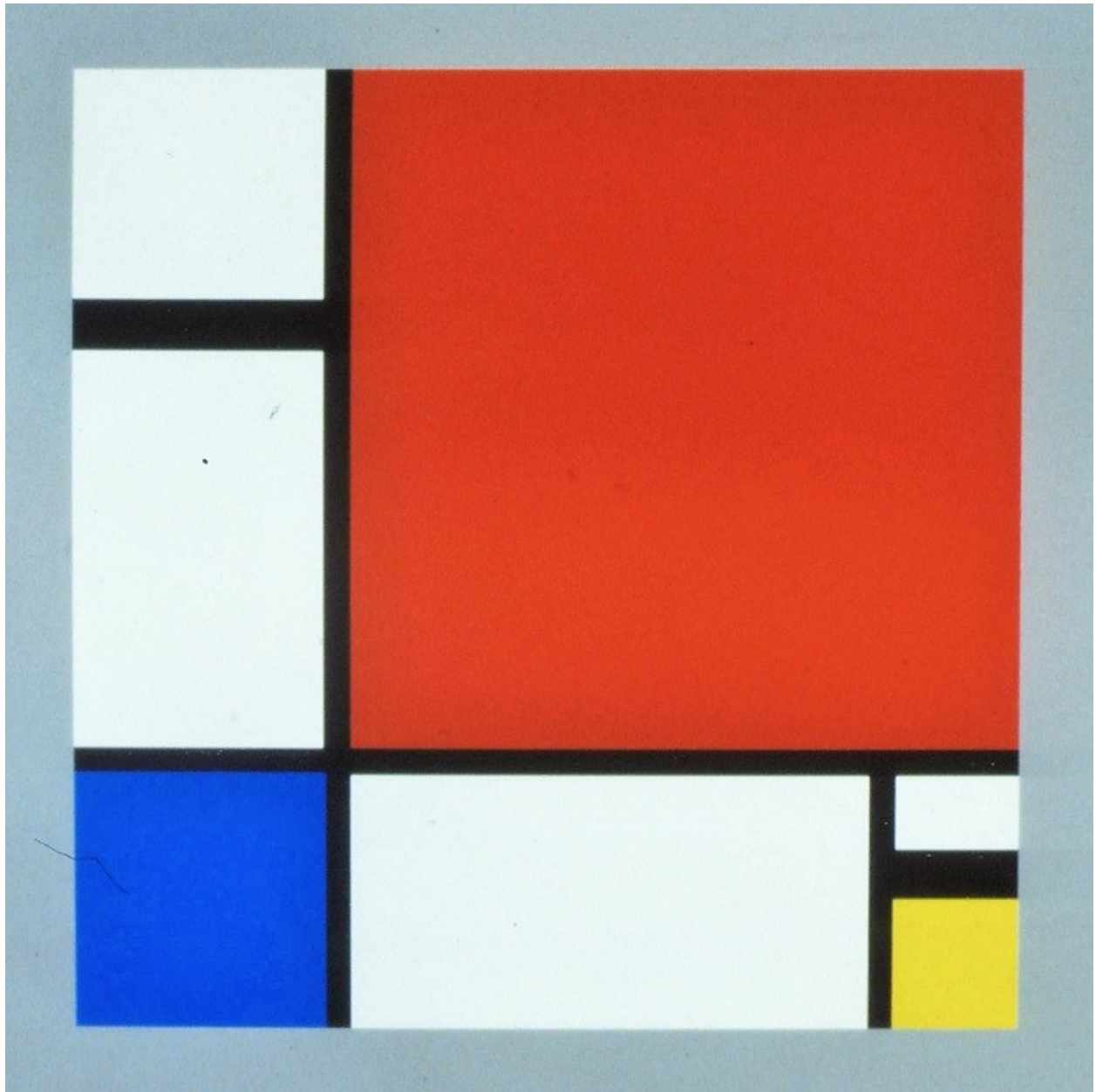


Pre-AI Imaging

There are almost endless ways of producing images. Here are just a few examples illustrating human handmade and related computer generated pictures.



1. A handmade copy of the computer generated Mondrian.



2. Computer generated Mondrian painting.

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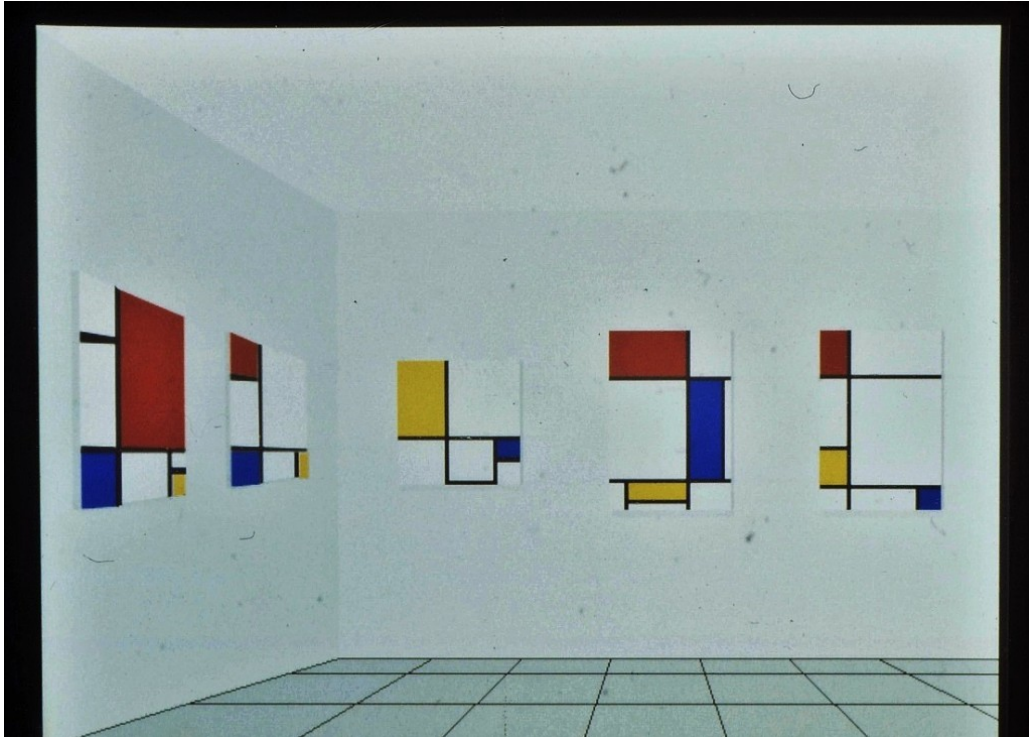
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dcl grin$color entry(fix,fix,fix) rtns (bit(32));
dcl color1 bit(32);
dcl color2 bit(32);
dcl color3 bit(32);
dcl i fix;
dcl m fix;
dcl n fix init(1);
dcl x fix init(130);
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call grin$rect(0,0,512,512,color1);
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call grin$rect(130,130,386,386,color2);
color3 = grin$color(0,0,0);
call grin$rect(130,130,256,386,color3);
call iocs$getc(cc);
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call grin$rect(258,130,322,386,color3);
call iocs$getc(cc);

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        x = 130;
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            call grin$rect(x,130,(x+32/n-1),386,color3);
            x = x + 64/n;
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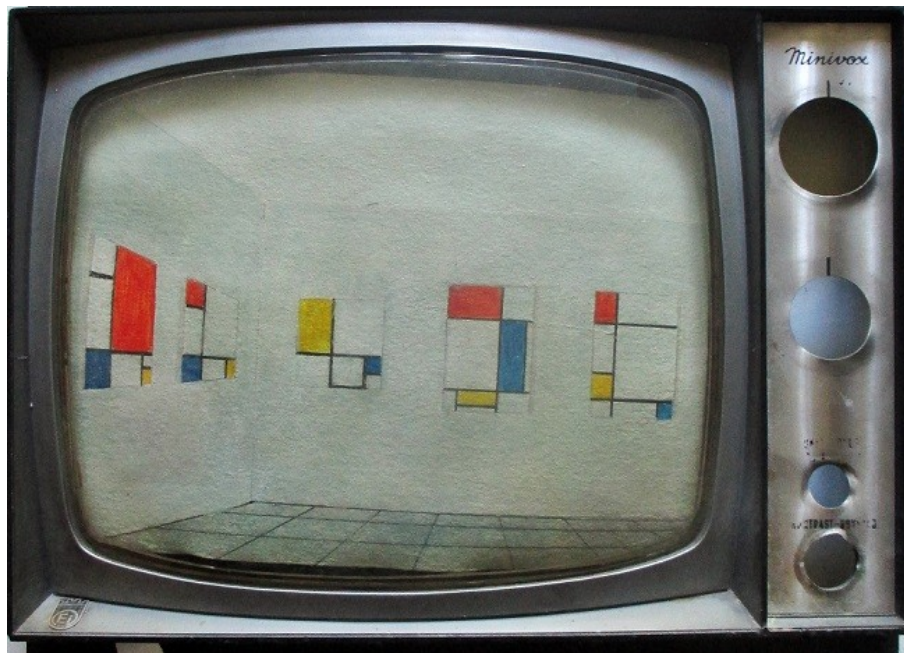
3. A detail from the PL-1 program for generating images("Electronic Gallery", Arch-Mach, MIT 1983)



4. A detail from the Arch-Mach "terminal garden", showing two screens. One is the "frame buffer" for producing computer generated images max resolution 640x480. Another is a computer monitor for writing programs and texts.



5. "Electronic Gallery" - computer generated image showing various Mondrian paintings on two gallery walls.



6. Hand painted copy of the "Electronic Gallery" placed in the portable TV monitor frame.



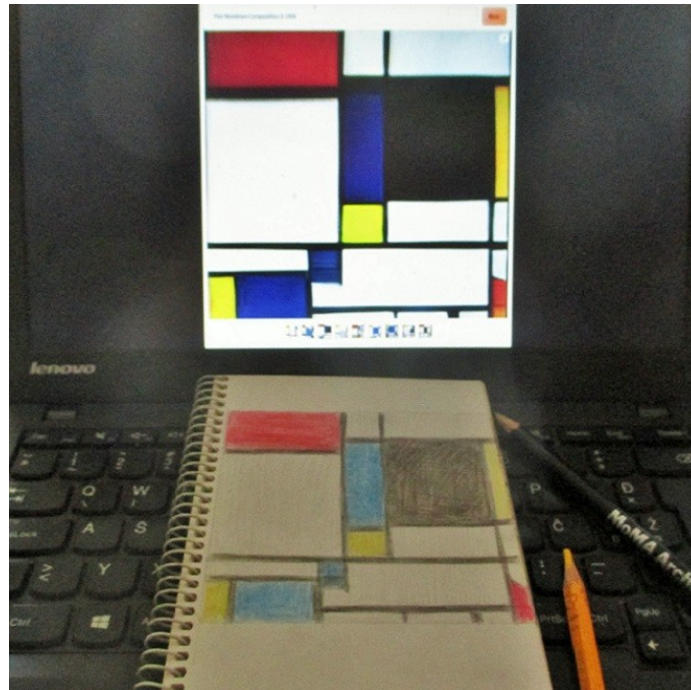
7. Detail of the hand painted Mondrian on a computer screen in a pointillist style.



8. Hand painted Mondrian "Composition 2" on a desk-top computer.



9. Collage of the hand painted Mondrian "Composition 2" and remains of the computer board.



10. Computer generate image in a style of Mondrian by DALL-E and its hand-made copy.

Mechanic Art

Art is a human category/invention and can be produced by human hands, machines and AI. Until now, in all these cases these products were meant for humans only. And humans are living beings/entities while machines and AI are not.

Products made by machines including images/paintings are not art until they are declared as such by humans and publically presented in the art context (galleries, museums, art magazines, art-market).

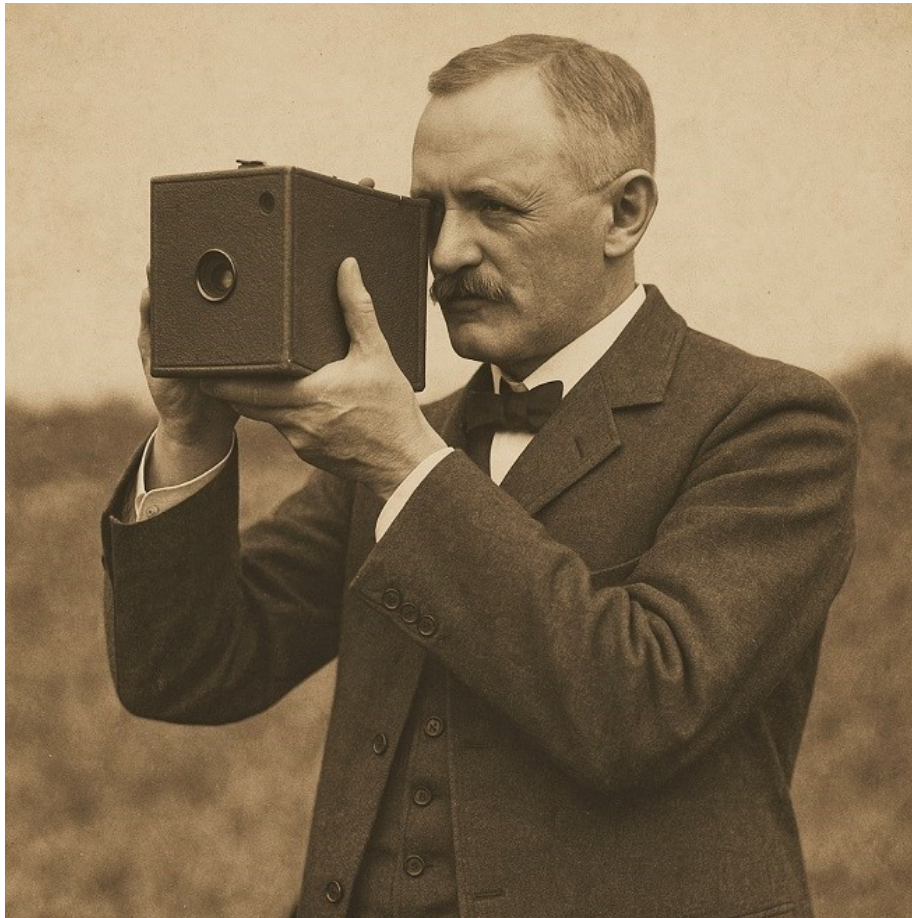
Thus “AI art” made by AI is based on human instructions (prompts) and it is only made for humans and interpreted and perceived as art only by humans.



Chronology

- The first camera that allowed users to take photos by simply pressing a button was the Kodak camera, patented by George Eastman in 1888.

This box camera came pre-loaded with film and was marketed with the slogan "You press the button, we do the rest," making photography accessible to the general public.



Today AI generates images by prompts written by pressing keyboard buttons. In both cases images are initiated by humans, produced by technology/machines and interpreted by humans.



- The next case of machine-made products that became declared as "ready-made" art by Marcel Duchamp like the 1913 "Bicycle Wheel" have been accepted as such by art professionals, art magazines, galleries and art public in general.

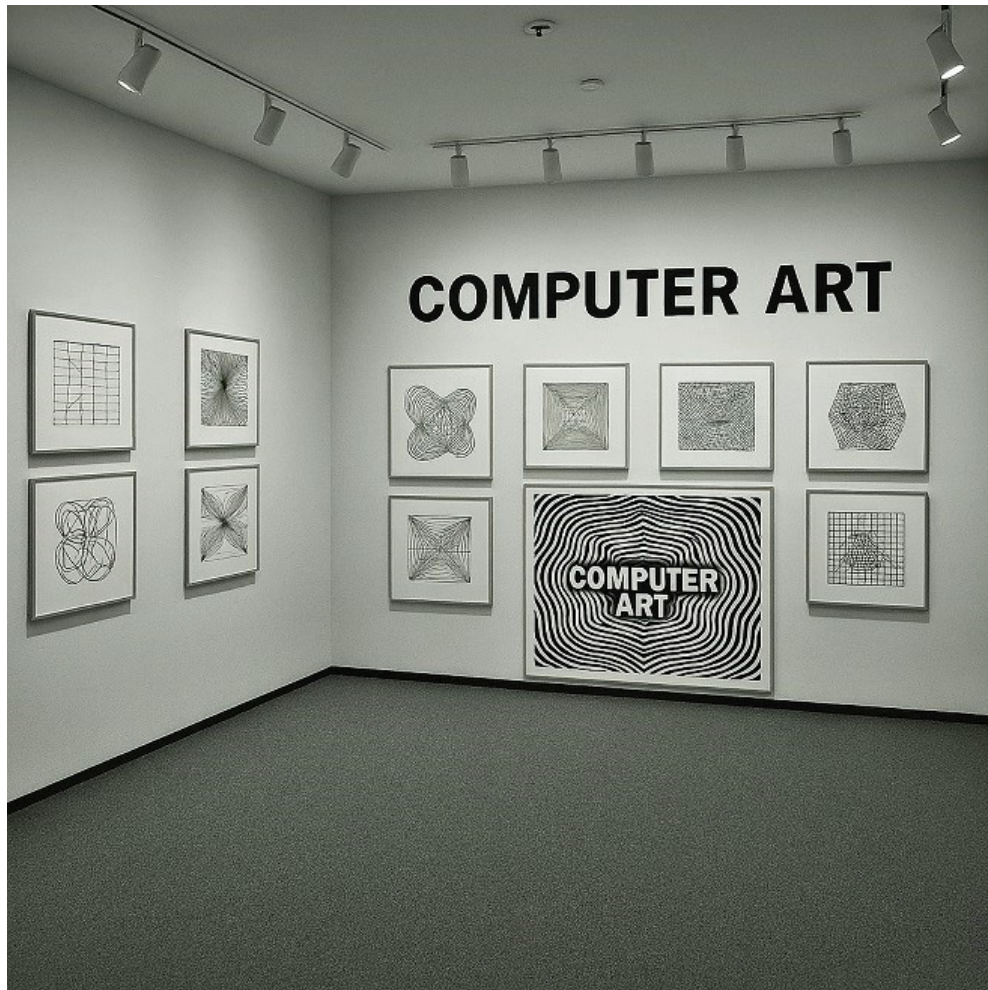


- The 1934 MoMA exhibition "Machine Art"



"Visitors to Machine Art were startled to find three floors of utilitarian, machine-made objects, such as springs, pots and pans, and scientific instruments, displayed on pedestals, elevating them to the level of sculpture."(MoMA Archive)





- The 1960's "Computer Art" or "Digital Art" introduced at The New Tendencies in Zagreb during 1960's. Series of exhibitions and conferences that introduced computer-generate images based on programs written by humans, as works of art.

- Finally we have "AI art" today, produced by sophisticated algorithms initiated, used and interpreted by humans. AI doesn't know what art is and it will not produce it of its own will, initiative or desire, in order to satisfy its internal needs. There is no "AI art" for AI, yet..

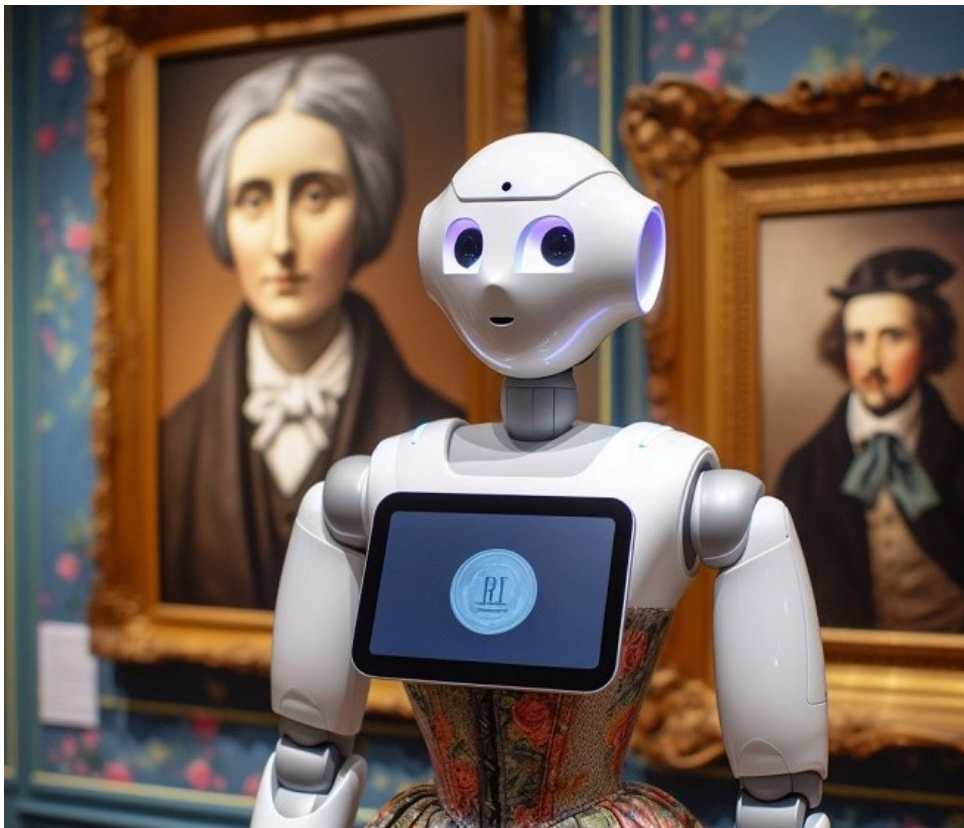


AI “Culture”

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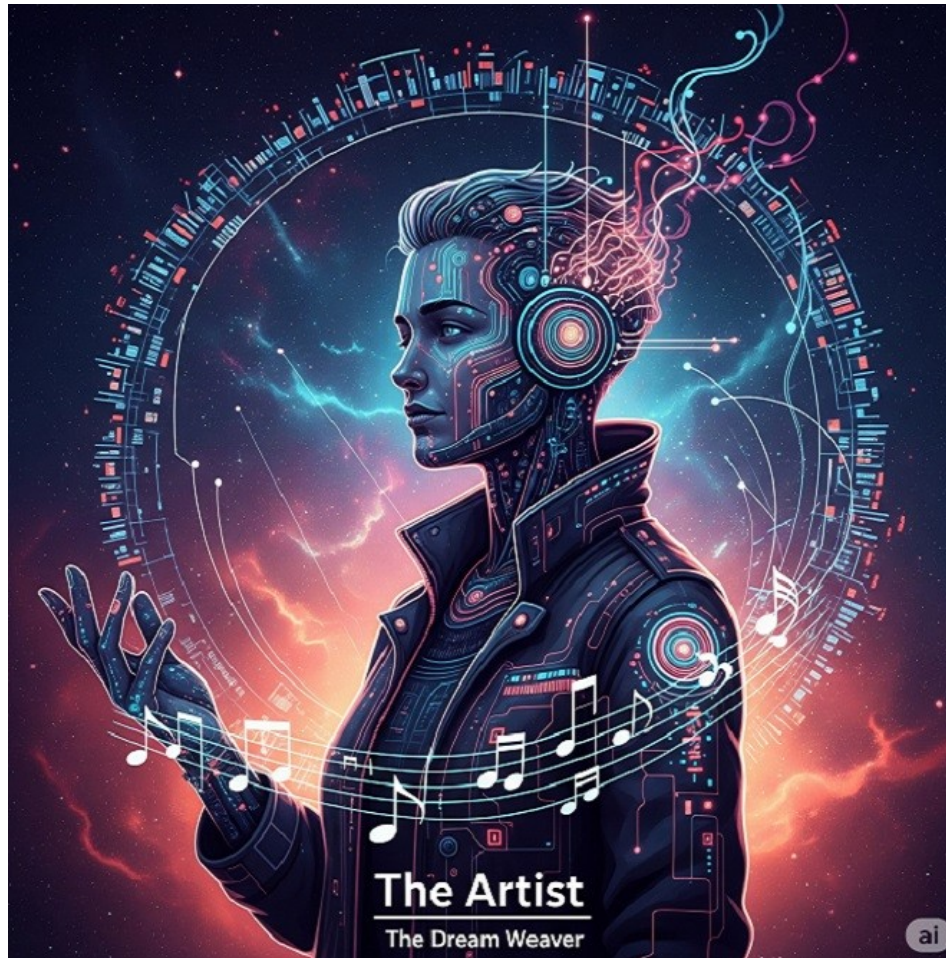
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It is most likely that, in the “AI world”, art and culture will remain specifically human activity. AI will not have a need to produce or be engaged in culture autonomously and independently of humans. There will be no "AI culture" produced by AI for AI itself. In other words, for AI art and culture will be non-existent.



For AI knowing and participating in human culture will be relevant only in its communication with humans. AI could help humans to produce art (literature, poetry, film, music, art, galleries, museums) only to please its human associates.



We should also consider the importance of the fundamental difference in experience of time between AI and humans that leads to their uneven reception of cultural phenomena. Thus, an attempt to conceive and make something that would be called an “AI culture” is in essence a utopian endeavor and would have meaning only from human perspective.

Another question is how these categories and institutions will change with further growth of AI and its integration in human society, and in which ways their meaning and relevance will be transformed, like for example when in western society the role of religion and churches/ temples changed with the emergence of enlightenment and scientific knowledge.



Thus, in the future AI world, culture will be produced by humans with AI assistance, but interpreted and consumed only by humans, until they are around...

