OMG studios

2026 INNOVATION LAB PROGRAMMING

March - December 2026

2026 Innovation Lab Programming

LAB PROJECT (Art & Poetry-based):
- **Allegory of the Making of America Art Exhibit (Immersive)**
- **AI in Service of Cultural Sustainability & Community Wellness (Coursework)**

AI Policy Statement
OMG STUDIOS/ KZMOHD affirms that music, art, and cultural expression are essential to human survival, development, and collective well-being. Any use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by KZMOHD must strengthen cultural sustainability, deepen community connection, and improve the health and wellness of youth and families in under-invested communities.

AI is a support tool—not a decision-maker, creator, or cultural authority.

Guiding Principles

1.**Human Survival & Wellness First** – AI must enhance emotional, cultural, and communal health.
2.**Cultural Sovereignty** – Community retains ownership of stories, data, and creative work.
3.**Consent-Based Use** – Voices, images, and cultural materials are used only with informed consent.
4.**Human-in-the-Loop** – Cultural interpretation and publishing require human oversight.
5.**Economic Dignity** – AI use must create paid opportunities for artists, youth, and culture bearers.
6.**Transparency & Accountability** – AI tools and impacts are publicly reviewed.

Governance

Participants will work in cohorts to innovate governance around cultural AI by . . .

- Establishing a **Community AI Council** (elders, youth, artists, technologists).
- Conduct an AI ethics and impact review.
- Innovate a Cultural Articificial Intelligence system involving cultural data.

Prohibited Uses
- Automated cultural interpretation or publishing
- Sale or transfer of community data or IP
- Black-box AI systems without transparency

OMG STUDIOS / KZMOHD's APPROACH

OMG STUDIOS/KZMOHD's approach to Artificial Intelligence is grounded in cultural sustainability and love for humanity. We recognize music and art as essential infrastructure for human survival, identity formation, and community health. Rather than using AI for efficiency or scale alone, KZMOHD deploys technology as a tool to preserve cultural memory, empower youth voice, and strengthen economic pathways for artists and families in under-invested communities.

Through consent-based AI systems, KZMOHD preserves oral histories, music archives, and community storytelling while ensuring that elders and culture bearers remain the primary interpreters of meaning. Youth engage AI as a creative and civic tool—learning how narratives are shaped and reclaiming authorship over their own stories. All AI-supported programming integrates wellness, creative expression, and intergenerational exchange.

This initiative positions KZMOHD as a national model for ethically grounded, community-governed AI that strengthens cultural continuity while generating sustainable economic opportunities for local creators.

INNOVATION LAB 2026 OUTCOMES

ART PROJECT ASSIGNMENT

1. Create a drawing, painting, sculpture, music and poetry canvas of the world you want to live in.
2. An Art exhibit will take place from June 28th – December 15th 2026.

2026 Lead Course Instructors
- Seitu Jones
- Jamela Pettiford
- Monique Linder
- Kevin Lindsey
- Jevetta Steele
- Thomasina Petrus

2026 Course Coaches
(Innovation Lab Alumni)
- Joseph "RA" Cole
- Aniya Bailey
- Tamsin Stockman
- Caleb Nesbitt

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Innovation Lab 2026 Core Activities

1. Art Project Course Instruction
2. Record and archive 25–30 oral histories (artists, elders, community leaders)
2. Launch youth AI + music/storytelling labs (ages 14–19)
3. Develop AI-assisted archive system (transcription, tagging, access)
4. Produce community media content from archives
5. Establish Community AI Council and review process
6. 50 research hours will be documented, including watching all six "Juneteenth Reckoning with Slavery" films as part of the project research.

OMG STUDIOS / KZMOHD Cultural Sustainability Innovation Lab Engine – Goals

- Preserve and activate cultural memory
- Improve youth creative wellness
- Create cultural AI roles
- Establish ethical AI governance

Outcomes & Metrics
•30 preserved oral histories
•100+ hours of archived cultural material
•Participant program stipends available
• Art curation training and development
• Art exhibit open to the public July – December 2026

OMG STUDIOS / KZMOHD's AI strategy is not about innovation for its own sake—it is about survival, dignity, and continuity.

2026 INNOVATION LAB AI PROGRAMMING lays the foundation for a scalable yet deeply rooted model of cultural sustainability that centers love, community, and human flourishing.

Using AI to solve the most critical issues in society.