

Declaration of *Creativity*

I will be creative.

The mind is a powerful thing.. sometimes it needs a boost to be creative. You need to believe to give it that boost. Your new mantra? ***I can do this.***

I will give myself time.

We live in a world where time is never given and always taken. Take some of that time for yourself. We're often placed in situations where we are thinking about our obligations so frequently that we even see them in our dreams. Make time to *dream*, take a flight of fancy, put your work on the back burner.. and turn the burner off. It can wait.

I will give myself space.

Often, time isn't enough. A little space from the world can do wonders. Many wonderful works have been written *on the road*. Artists have lofts for a reason. Find your sanctuary.

I will be brave.

Being creative is *dangerous*. You'll need to spill a part of your soul on to a page or a canvas.. and you'll be judged for it. The risk is worth the reward.

I will try new things.

Go out, explore a place you've never been to. Eat food from a country you can't even pronounce. Try a new tool or technique. See the world through the eyes of a child, and not the old, tired eyes that you've come to accept as part of adulthood.

I will create novel things.

The world does not end with the serious.

Novel things, when used in the right way, can change the world.. or the way we see it.

Don't be afraid of novelty, despite its childish feel.

I will create things of value.

Every creation you make will be something of value. If it doesn't mean something *to you*, it may not be the project you were hoping for. Incorporate pieces of yourself into everything you do, and they will be valuable to at least one person in the world, and most likely, many more.

I will think for myself.

Don't listen to anyone **100%**. Take the lessons that others give you, and combine them with your own. There will never be a better you than you are, and you will never be as good of a them as they are. Be content with being you, and you will grow into someone worthy of your name.

I will not give up, nor will I give in.

Creativity is hard. Life is hard. All of the good things? Hard. Decide what you want to do and go for it. This is your life. If you try for something with everything in your heart, you will have that much more of a chance of getting it than if you only try halfway.

I will believe in myself.

When you were little, you learned to walk..
because you believed that you could. You
learned to run by the same mechanism. Why
should we stop believing in ourselves as
adults? If humanity has produced machines
that run faster than a cheetah, can bring you
over the ocean, or can explore outer space..
why can't you?

I will try. I will fail. I will
learn from my failures.

In your life, you have already tried, and you have already failed. What is important is that you picked yourself back up again.. even more important is that you learn from your mistakes so that you don't fall into the same hole that you've just climbed out of.

Notes:

I think it's important to mention the idea of a creativity **block**, and how to address it. This is just a start of an idea, but I believe that there is a connection between people who are *natural* creators and a certain type of emotional resilience. Going forward, I would like an answer this question.. does this belong in a manifesto? I'm not entirely sure. I'm also questioning the format. I've grown to like the Powerpoint format for this because it keeps everything separate. However, in an off-line format, it would probably lend itself to simple bullet