UNLOCKING SECRETS OF THE CREATIVE BRAIN: UH RESEARCH CITED IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ARTICLE ON PICASSO

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*National Geographic* explores the brilliance and creativity of Pablo Picasso in an April article titled *How Picasso’s Journey From Prodigy to Icon Revealed a Genius.* A trailblazing, legendary artist, Picasso revolutionized the art world during his lifetime and continues to awe and inspire to this day.

The article mentions UH Cullen College’s [Jose Contreras-Vidal](https://www.eegr.uh.edu/), Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor of electrical and computer engineering, who is conducting groundbreaking research at the intersection of the arts and neuroscience.

With funding from the [National Science Foundation](https://www.nsf.gov), Contreras-Vidal studies what happens inside of the brain as individuals create and contemplate art. In connection with this ongoing research, Contreras-Vidal and his team have recorded the brain waves of various artists — a painter, a dancer and a musician — while they created and performed to understand unique brain activity. His team has also peered into the minds of museum-goers while they viewed art exhibits and children while they played the popular computer game *Minecraft.*

Watch a [video about Contreras-Vidal's research here](https://www.eegr.uh.edu/).
Read the *National Geographic* article here.

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