



Art Basel Miami Beach 2012 Opens

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Art Basel Miami Beach hadn't even opened and major sales have already been struck. When the art fair opens its doors the public tomorrow, it will reveal around 257 international galleries with a strong showing of Modern art, according to the fair. Around half of the galleries are from the United States and Latin America.

But that's not all. In addition to established galleries, Art Basel Miami Beach also presents Art Nova, Art Video, Art Kabinett, Art Basel Conversations and Art Salon and Art Public—an explosion of art and performances taking place in Collins Park.

The galleries in Art Basel Miami Beach 2012 reflect the international art world. Galleries are based in the United States, Germany, France, Great Britain, Brazil, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Mexico, Argentina, China, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, Japan, Portugal, Turkey, South Africa, Greece, Ireland, Israel, India, Iceland, Korea, Norway, Peru, Russia, Sweden and Uruguay, according to a fair release.

The fair presents art in different sections.

The **Main Sector** with established and prominent galleries features 201 exhibitors. First time exhibitors include Hirschl & Adler Modern, Galerie Michael Haas, Hammer Galleries, Galerie Mehdi Chouakri and more.

Art Nova will feature around 40 exhibitions. These are “younger galleries” who are presenting works made in the last three years by two or three artists.

Art Positions will feature around 16 galleries presenting the work of a single artist. Each is an emerging young artist who is working internationally. Nearly all the galleries are new to Art Basel Miami Beach. Art Position exhibitors include Irene Kopelman (Labor), Atsushi Kaga (Mother's Tankstation), Colby Bird (Fitzoy Gallery), Felipe Arturo (La Central) and others.

Art Kabinett, Art Video and Art Public feature additional works by galleries exhibiting from all three sectors.

Art Kabinett galleries present curated exhibitions in delineated spaces within their booths. These include Alexander Gray Associates presenting paintings by Jack Whitten, Joan Semmel and Hugh Steers. Francis M. Naumann Fine Art presents work by four members of the Duchamp family: Jacques Villon, Raymond Duchamp-Villon, Marcel Duchamp and Suzanne Duchamp.

Other participating galleries presenting group exhibitions or solo shows for Art Kabinett include A Gentil Carioca, Henrique Faria Fine Art, Paul Kasmin Gallery, Galerie Lelong, Valerie Carberry, Greenberg Van Doren Gallery, Hirschl & Adler Modern, Lehmann Maupin and others.

Art Video screenings will be presented in two locations: SoundScape Park on a 7,000-foot outdoor projection wall of the New World Centre (designed by Frank Gehry) and within five “viewing pods” within the Miami beach Convention Center. Art Video is organized in association with Artprojx of London.

Film and video artists include Julieta Aranda, Guy Ben-Ner, Daniel Arsham, Theaster Gates, Jesper Just, Mauricio Lupini, Rashaad Newsome, Ryan McGinley, Robin Rhode, Sam Samore, Adam Shecter and Hu Xiangqian.

Art Video Nights will feature a dawn-to-dusk screening of the 12-hour film *Bliss* by Ragnar Kjartansson, presented by Art Basel in collaboration with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) North Miami and the New World Center.



Film still from *Varou* by Ryan McGinley, 2012. Team Gallery. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.



Film Still from *Canned Laughter* by Yoshua Okon, 2009. Galerie mor.charpentier. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.

Art Public features 22 artworks curated by Christine Y. Kim, associate curator of Contemporary Art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and co-founder of Los Angeles Nomadic Division. Art public features large-scale sculpture, video, installation and live performances. It is produced in collaboration with the Bass Museum of Art.

Works include “Twin Vortexes” by Alice Aycock. These are the first of six large sculptures for “Park Avenue Paper Chase” to be installed in New York City on Park Avenue in Spring 2014.



“Twin Vortexes” by Alice Aycock, 2012. Courtesy of the Artist. Galerie Thomas Schulte Gallery and Fredric Snitzer Gallery. Image courtesy of Art Basel Miami Beach.

Mark Hagen is exhibiting three interconnecting cement screen panels, each made from 84 individually crafted cement units that have been stacked together.

Artists with work in Art Public also include Pierre Ardouvin, David Keating, Juliana Cerqueira Leite,

Dave McKenzie, Ruben Ochoa, Adam Pendleton, Jaume Plensa, Randy Polumbo, Garry Simmons and more.



“Street Lamp” by Courtney Smith and Ivan Navarro, 2011. Paul Kasmin Gallery. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.

Art Basel Conversations and Art Salon features a line-up of international museum directors and curators. On Friday, a discussion on “The Encyclopedic Museum” features the Director and CEO of The Metropolitan Museum of Art Thomas P. Campbell and the CEO and Wallis Annenberg Director of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art Michael Govan.

Speakers weighing in on a variety of subjects include representative from The Museum of Modern Art (New York, NY), the Rachofsky Collection (Dallas, TX), Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (Washington, DC), the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (New York, NY).

Art Salon discussions will tackle global topics include the Latin American art market, street art in the Middle East and more.

Art Basel presents fairs in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong. This is the 11th annual art fair in Miami Beach.

Following are just a few of the artworks to be exhibited at Art Basel Miami Beach 2012:



“Prayer Yellow” by Makoto Saito, 2011-2012. Paul Kasmin Gallery. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.



“Leen” by James Brooks, 1974. Greenberg Van Doren Gallery. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.



“Você tem fome de quê?” by Marepe, 2008. Galeria Luisa Strina. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.



“Century of Progress [Boardwalk]” by Thomas Hart Benton, 1933. Hirschl & Adler. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.



“Untitled” by Richard Diebenkorn, 1949. Greenberg Van Doren Gallery. Image courtesy Art Basel Miami Beach.

BASIC INFO: Art Basel Miami Beach will be held from Dec 6 to 9, 2012 at Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, FL. Tickets are \$42 for a one-day pass, \$90 for a permanent pass or \$29 for an evening pass (from 4 p.m.). Reduced One-Day Tickets (\$24 or \$10) are available for students with ID, seniors and groups. A Combination Ticket with Design Miami is \$55.

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