

# 10 Things to Know for Frieze New York Art Week 2017

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Frieze New York is the center of the world this week in New York City with its contemporary art fair presenting work by living artists only. Creating a second art fair week in New York, the week contains a mix of new art fairs to New York City as well as the tried and true. Being set in the arguable center of the international art world, the art fairs may be the main attraction this week but they are not the only places to discover art.

Following is some things to know to help wade through the art choices and discover, at a glance, what you need to know about the art fairs of Frieze Art Week 2017.

## 1. Frieze New York is Shorter & Opens Later than Previous Editions

Frieze New York is the centerpiece of the second art fair week in New York City. Taking place on Randall's Island, [Frieze New York](#) is devoted to contemporary art and will feature over 200 exhibitors, a full slate of programming and outdoor installations set on the immediate grounds.

This year's fair has been shortened by one day. The 2017 edition now runs from Friday to Sunday with its invite-only preview on Thursday night. The change makes Frieze the latest art fair to the party. Visit [www.frieze.com](http://www.frieze.com) for more information.

The art fair does sell out so [buy tickets](#) before venturing to Randall's Island. Tickets may not be available at the door so advance purchase is recommended. Tickets begin at \$46 for a one-day pass for adults; \$25 for a full-time student or children ages 13 to 17 years old. The special \$10 pass for 18 to 25 years old is now sold out and is no longer available.

## 2. What's New at Frieze

Like Art Basel and now The Armory Show, Frieze New York organizes its gallery presenters and art installations in a series of special Sections in accompaniment with the main exhibitors. Frame presents young talents and artist solo projects. Spotlight features 20th Century pioneers. In addition to the Sections, Frieze Projects is a "subsidized platform" that presents site-specific artist commissions set outdoors on the grounds as well as inside the fair. A vibrant slate of programming accompanies the fair through Frieze Talks. For details, click [here](#).

While Frieze is known for its devotion to presenting art by living artists, the fair has expanded to include works by artists who are not. This year's edition sees an increase in works by 20th century Modern master at Frieze New York, according to the art fair. This includes art by [Robert Rauschenberg](#) and others.

Looking for a specific gallery? Frieze's website has a friendly searchable way to discover its exhibitors and where to find them in the sprawling art fair. Click [here](#) to explore.

### **3. Buy Frieze Tickets in Advance & Expect a Ferry or Shuttle Bus**

Frieze New York is set on Randall's Island so it would be a hassle to be turned away at the door. Admission should be purchased in advance and expect a ferry or bus ride to get there. Tickets to the art fair and the ferry can be purchased online. Click [here](#) for details.

Yes, New Yorkers, you can drive to Randall's Island. Just because you can doesn't mean you should. Parking will be at a premium and with a shorter time line to visit the fair (plus jockeying with media on Friday), it's likely parking will become a blood sport among the valets. In all cases, there is no self-parking and the Valet Only option carries with it a \$50 charge.

Frieze can be accessed by ferry (\$19 round trip), shuttle bus (\$8 round trip), taxi (varies) or walking (free). For transportation details, click [here](#).

### **4. Who's Here & Who's Not**

Like every art fair week, the line up of who's presenting and who's not changes with each year. This year sees an increase of art fairs to attend with 13 possible options (including [Frieze New York](#)). Click here to discover the line up in our "[Ultimate Guide to the New York City Art Fairs of Frieze Week 2017.](#)"

Which fairs are not reappearing this time around? [NADA New York](#) (they presented in March during Armory Week), [Flux Art Fair](#) and [Spring Masters New York](#), which reorganized and was absorbed by TEFAF, who presents its Spring New York Fair for the first time in 2017.

### **5. Brand New Satellite Art Fairs Join the Week**

Part of the fun of art fair weeks is checking out new art fairs to the scene. This year is no exception. New to New York City are Spring / Break: BKLYN IMMERSIVE, Superfine! and Conception Art Fair.

[Spring / Break: BKLYN IMMERSIVE](#) presents an art fair in the form of a curated exhibition consisting of curated site-specific installations and immersive works inspired by themes of displacement and migration. [Superfine!](#) makes its NYC debut and presents a fair emphasizing emerging artists who may or may not have gallery representation. Born in Miami, Superfine! produced two editions during Basel Art Fair week before unveiling its NY edition. [Conception Art Fair](#) is presenting international contemporary artists with a focus on social and political art. Click [here](#) for details on all three fairs.



“Warrior of the Sun Tiger” by Deming Harriman. Courtesy of Superfine! Art Fair.

## 6. Collective Design

Returning for its fifth edition, the design fair has become an annual must-see. Collective Design 2017 presents 28 galleries and 21 special projects. For the uninitiated in design, there are a series of designer-led tours taking place throughout the fair’s run. They include Robert Stilin, Ashe & Leandro, Frank de Biasi and others. Click [here](#) for details.

Exhibitors are a mix of designer and art galleries. On the art side, expect to find [Mindy Solomon Gallery](#) (Miami); [Julie Saul Gallery](#) (New York), [Yossi Milo Gallery](#) (New York); [Yancey Richardson](#) (New York); [Bryce Wolkowitz Gallery](#) (New York) and others.

The fair is open May 3 - 7, 2017. Hours are Wednesday - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General Admission is \$30, \$15 for Students and Seniors, a 3-day Pass is \$60.

Collective Design is located at Skylight Clarkson Sq, 550 Washington St, New York, NY 10014. [www.collectivedesignfair.com/fair](http://www.collectivedesignfair.com/fair).



“Flores” by José Parlá, 2017. Acrylic, plaster and powdered pigment on canvas, 24 x 20 inches. Exhibited with Bryce Wolkowitz Gallery at Collective Design. Courtesy of the gallery.

## 7. Which Art Fairs Open First?

**First out of the gate on Tuesday** is Salon Zürcher Africa. **On Wednesday**, the week begins to heat up with previews by Art New York & CONTEXT New York at Pier 94 (Click [here](#) to discover fair highlights) and [TEFAF New York Spring](#). Also opening on Wednesday are Portal, Collective Design and Fridge.

**On Thursday**, May 4, 2017, opening their doors are Superfine! and Conception Art Fair (plus Frieze New York’s invite-only preview). **On Friday**, Spring / Break: BKLYN IMMERSIVE,, 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair and Cultural Traffic print fair open.

## 8. Where are the Fairs Located?

**Brooklyn:** 1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair, Spring / Break: BKLYN IMMERSIVE, Fridge, Salon Zürcher Africa

**Downtown Areas:** Superfine!, Conception Art Fair, Collective Design, Cultural Traffic

**Randall's Island:** Frieze New York

**Midtown & Uptown:** Art New York, CONTEXT New York, TEFAF New York Spring

## 9. I Need More Art. What else is On View in New York?

The New York City gallery scene is the most vibrant on the planet. Art gallery concentrations can be found in the NYC neighborhoods of Chelsea, along 57th Street, Tribeca, the Lower East Side, Brooklyn and the Upper East and Upper West Sides. To discover a handful of new gallery shows, click [here](#) to discover a curated list of new shows opening this week and [here](#) for those opening last week. The Miró - Calder "Constellation" paintings are drawing strong attention. Click [here](#) to read a review of the pair of exhibitions presented at Pace and Acquavella.

The Park Avenue Mall unveiled its new sculpture installation on Monday. Lluís Lleó's "Morpho's Nest in the Cadmium House" features a series of five outdoor paintings on carved sandstone. The works are installed along Park Avenue from 52nd to 56th Streets, courtesy of The Fund for Park Avenue.

If the May New York Auctions are of interest, Christie's opens viewing on May 6, 2017 for its Impressionist and Modern Evening Sale to be held on May 15, 2017, launching its 20th Century Week. Click [here](#) for details. Up for auction are three paintings that are part of Gretta Garbo's collection. Click [here](#) to read an insider's view of the collection. Christie's is located in Rockefeller Center at 20 Rockefeller Center, New York, NY.

## 10. Whitney Biennial

Love it or hate it, the Whitney Biennial is one of those talked-about museum shows in New York. The Biennial remains on view through June 11, 2017. In addition to creating a flurry of controversies, the 2017 edition is an idea-driven one. Click [here](#) to read a review.

Want insight into the exhibition? The Whitney offers free tours daily. Click [here](#) for details. The Whitney has expanded its "pay-as-you-wish" program to add the nights of May 6 and May 20, 2017 to the program. This is in addition to the weekly "pay-as-you-wish" Friday nights from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Whitney Museum of American Art is located at 99 Gansevoort Street, New York, NY 10014. [whitney.org](http://whitney.org).

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**BASIC FACTS:** Frieze New York Week takes place from May 3 to 7, 2017 in New York City. For the full list of art fairs, read our "[Ultimate Guide to the NYC Art Fairs of Frieze Week 2017](#)."

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05/04/17 EDITOR'S NOTE: Corrections were made from the original publication to the Frieze New York information. Admission prices were corrected to reflect day pass prices of \$46 and \$25. The number of exhibitors was corrected from 1,000 to 200. A clarification was added to include Frieze's inclusion of exhibiting modern masters and artists who may no longer be living, in addition to the fair's emphasis on presenting work by living contemporary artists.

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