



# 10 Things to Know for Art Basel Miami Beach Week

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Art Basel Miami Beach and Miami Art Fair Week have arrived to Miami and Miami Beach turning all eyes to the South Florida cities. With over 20 art fairs to choose from, multiple new museum shows, pop up shows, parties and unexpected installations, it can be difficult to know where to turn and where to show up. To make planning a bit easier, we've put together 10 essential things to know for Miami Art Fair Week. Happy art viewing!

## 1. Art Basel Miami Beach

Art Basel Miami Beach takes place at the Miami Beach Convention Center with renovation construction halting for the fair. ABMB opens to the public on Thursday, December 7, 2017 and continues through Sunday, December 10, 2017 until 6 p.m. Private viewing days for press or VIP take place on Wednesday and Thursday morning. The fair is open to the public on Thursday, from 3 to 8 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, from noon to 8 p.m., and on Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m.

This year, over 200 galleries will present around 4,000 works of art. [Art is presented in eight Sectors](#) that are set among the art fair. Galleries Sector is the heart of the art fair with exhibitors presenting what they like. Nova Sector presents new works made in the last three years; Positions Sector presents single projects by artists; Edition Sector presents published works and multiples; Kabinett Sector presents curated mini exhibitions set within exhibitor booths; Survey Sector presents art historical presentations; Public Sector is large-scale sculpture and Film Sector presents video art and film.

In addition the Conversations Sector presents an ambition series of talks tackling issues facing art worldwide. To easiest way to discover the full list of programming and the exhibitors, visit the fair's website by clicking [here](#). The Miami Beach Convention Center is located at 1900 Washington Drive Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

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## 2. Art Basel Miami Beach's Public Sector at SoundScape

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The opening of the Public Sector at SoundScape Park in front of the Bass Museum is always a must-do for Miami Art Fair Week. This year it opens on Wednesday with a special performance taking place from 8 to 9 p.m. Jim Shaw and the band D'red D'warf perform the first half of a loosely defined prog rock opera. The Public Sector is curated for the first time by independent curator and critic Philipp Kaiser. SoundScape Park is located at 400 17th Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

### 3. Art Fairs Start to Open Tuesday and Continue on View through Sunday

Miami Art Fair Week gets started Tuesday and continues to have fairs offering VIP openings through Thursday night. Most fairs continue on view through Sunday. For the full list of Miami art fairs and when each hosts their opening, visit our [Ultimate Guide to the Miami Art Fairs](#) by clicking [here](#).

### 4. Art Miami & CONTEXT Art Miami are in a New Location.

Art Miami & CONTEXT Art Miami move to a new location for 2017. Set in a pair of adjacent permanent buildings (versus a tent), the pair of art fairs can be found at One Miami Herald Plaza @ NE 14th Street in Downtown Miami. The fairs continue to be accessible to each other through a temporary walkway making it easy to flow from one fair to the next. Taken together, the fairs present nearly 250 exhibitors so allow for plenty of time to see all. To read more about the move, click [here](#).



CONTEXT 2017. Photo by Pat Rogers.

### 5. SOFA Chicago Producers Launch a new Design Fair for Miami

Art Miami Week will have a second Design Fair, courtesy of Urban Expositions who is known for producing SOFA Chicago and took over the Art Hamptons art fair production company two years ago (They produced Art Hamptons for one year and then discontinued the art fair. Art Aspen and Art Palm Springs continue). Its newest fair, FORM Miami, will present 25 exhibitors focused on sculptural objects and applied art. Click [here](#) to see the exhibition list.

FORM Miami presents its inaugural edition from December 7 to 10, 2017 and is located at Washington Ave and 17th St, Miami Beach, FL 33139. An Opening Night Preview will be held on Wednesday, December 6 from 2 to 7 p.m. (for Black Card & VIP Pass Holders only). For details on the art fair, visit [www.formmiami.com](http://www.formmiami.com).

## 6. Design Miami/ Opens Wednesday

Design Miami/ is the design companion fair to Art Basel, presenting collectible global design in both Miami Beach and Basel. Set within eyesight of ABMB, this year's design fair features 34 design exhibitors set around the world. The 13th edition of Design Miami/ presents a mix of returning design firms as well as some new ones presenting historic and contemporary design. Expect to find furnishing, objects, ceramics, sculpture, furniture by architects, artist-designed objects and furniture, art jewelry, contemporary lighting and more.

Noteworthy are a special feature focusing on Magdalena Abakanowicz and Jacques Quinet by [Lebreton](#) (San Francisco); furniture by French designer and master wood craftsman Pierre Chapo, with influences by [Le Corbusier](#), Frank Lloyd Wright and Charlotte Perriand, presented by [Magen H Gallery](#) (New York); and a special 10 year anniversary celebration of art jewelry by [Ornamentum](#) (Hudson, NY) who will present a body of work by [Ted Noten](#) and major pieces by David Bielander, Jaydan Moore and Ruudt Peters. Ornamentum made waves when it became the first exhibitor to present art jewelry at Design Miami/. Click [here](#) to read more.

Design Miami/ is on view from December 6 to 10, 2017 at Meridian Ave. and 19th St., adjacent to the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami Beach, FL. For details and programming information, click [here](#) to visit their website.



Artwork by John Iverson. Courtesy of Ornamentum.

## 7. Miami Project Doesn't Present This Year but Red Dot Will

Miami Project is on hiatus for 2017, making a decision to pass after powerful Hurricane Irma paid a visit to Miami in September 2017, causing damage to the area where the art fair has been presenting the last few years. Miami Project plans to return in 2018. Returning this year to Miami Art Fair Week is Red Dot art fair, which passed on presenting an art fair last year for Miami Art Fair Week. Red Dot moved from its previous location and can now be found at Hilton Miami Downtown, 1601 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132. As in the past, it shares its space with Spectrum art fair.

## 8. NADA Renames & Moves to the Ice Palace Studios

NADA has made several changes for Miami Art Fair Week. In a homecoming of sorts, NADA moves from the Deauville Beach Resort in Miami Beach (which was damaged by Hurricane Irene) to the Ice Palace Studios in Miami, neighboring the Miami Design District. In a nod to more permanent expectations, NADA also renames from NADA Miami Beach to NADA Miami. Click [here](#) to read more about the changes. Find NADA Miami at Ice Palace Studios, 1400 North Miami Avenue, Miami. For

information, visit [www.newartdealers.org](http://www.newartdealers.org).

## 9. Gagosian and Deitch Team Up & Curate Another Annual Show

For the past two years, one star attraction for Miami Art Fair Week isn't an art fair at all but an exhibition curated by Larry Gagosian and Jeffrey Deitch. The pair returns again to present its third exhibition. "Abstract/Not Abstract" can be found at the historic Moore Building in the Design District. The show features art by Sterling Ruby, Math Bass, Alex Israel, Urs Fischer, Rudolf Stingel and others and is curated to explore the contemporary concept of abstraction and present those who are pushing its boundaries.

"Abstract/Not Abstract" is on view December 6 to 10, 2017 at The Moore Building, 191 NE 40th Street, Miami, FL 33137. Hours are Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## 10. Faena Art Presents New Installations for Art Basel Miami Beach Week

Last year, the Faena Arts District made major waves during Miami Art Week when it [debuted its new building, held a splashy parade and installed art on the ocean beach](#) just outside of its hotel for the second year. This year, Faena will install a series of new site-specific works in the Faena District Miami Beach. Art will be installed on the beach, on the hotel itself and in spots a mere steps away from the hotel.

Artists commissioned include Phillip K. Smith III, Studio Drift, Peter Tunney, Kelly Breez, Martin Borini and the collective Coral Morphologic. Click [here](#) for details. The flying sculpture by Studio Drift, *Franchise Freedom*, can be seen nightly at 8 p.m. from December 6 to 9, 2017 on Faena Beach, located between 32nd and 36th Streets in Miami Beach. Check with the [website](#) to confirm weather doesn't cancel the art's activation. The Faena Forum is located at 3300 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140. The art is curated by Ximena Caminos.

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Looking for the complete list of art fair options? Visit our [Ultimate Guide to the Miami Art Fairs](#) for all the details needed for your art fair travels in a single location. Click [here](#) to get started.

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