

10 Things to Know for Art Basel Miami Beach Week 2018

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Art Basel Miami Beach and Miami Art Fair Week are here, turning attention 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 help making scheduling more manageable, scroll on to discover 10 essential things to know for Miami Art Fair Week.

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 6, 2018 and continues through Sunday, December 9, 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.



Art Basel Miami Beach 2018. Courtesy ABMB.

2. Public Sector at SoundScape Park is Skipping a Year

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 fairgoers will have to go without as it's being skipped. If visiting the Bass, there are a few sculptures installed in Soundscape Park. Keep your eyes open for [Jim Drain's Chess Tables](#) and [Ugo Rondinone's Miami Mountain, 2016](#). Soundscape Park is located at 400 17th Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139.



Courtesy of Art Basel Miami Beach.

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](#).



A collection of Colby Bird's artwork displayed in Halsey McKay Gallery's booth 6.05 at NADA Miami, 2018. Courtesy of Halsey McKay Gallery.

4. Plan by Geography

Anyone who's been to Miami Art Fair Week even once knows traffic is horrific. Plan carefully and you'll get to see more art. Here's a proposed plan for coupling your art fair viewing.

Art Basel Miami Beach & Design/Miami. The pair of fairs are about 145 steps apart from each other, if you choose your exit wisely from Art Basel Miami Beach. The shuttle also picks up outside of Design/Miami so might as well venture inside.

Scope Miami Beach and Untitled Miami Beach are neighbors on the sand. Differing in focus, it's worth it to see both art fairs.

Art Miami & Contest Miami share a covered walkway and a sister art fairs (along with Aqua Art Miami that is located elsewhere in Miami). While there, it's a no brainer to flow from one fair to the next and note the difference in vibe between the two fairs.

Designation Fairs to add to your list include PULSE Miami Beach, NADA Miami Beach, Aqua Art Fair and Ink, which has consistently received positive reviews for the intimate art fair.



Del Kathryn Barton's installation for UNTITLED Miami Beach in albertz benda's C8 booth, 2018. Photo: Casey Kelbaugh. Courtesy of albertz benda.

5. The Kitchen Teams up with Art Basel for Free Performances Activating a Sculpture

Abraham Cruzvillegas's '[Autorreconstrucción: To Insist, to Insist, to Insist...](#)' (2018) will be presented at Art Basel Miami Beach proper (in the Convention Center) as a special collaboration between NYC's The Kitchen and Art Basel. Performances take place in the Grand Ballroom (enter from East or West Lobbies) at 3 and 5 p.m. on Friday. Doors open 30 minutes beforehand with advance arrival recommended.

Building upon a performance held earlier this year at The Kitchen in NYC, the Art Basel Miami Beach piece builds on the artist's working methodology of *autoconstrucción* (self-construction), producing sculptures constructed using materials found in the vicinity of the venue during the weeks leading up to the project's public presentation. The resulting sculptural object is suspended in an open space.

[Click here](#) to read more.



Abraham Cruzvillegas's 'Autorreconstrucción: To Insist, to Insist, to Insist...' Photo courtesy The Kitchen and Art Basel Miami Beach.

6. Design Miami/ Where Design Rules

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 33 design exhibitors set around the world. The 15th 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.

Design Miami/ is on view from December 5 to 9, 2018 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.

7. NADA Miami Beach is the Only NADA Art Fair Remaining

NADA Miami Beach deserves extra attention this year as it's the only art fair that will be presented by NADA after announcing the cancellation of its popular New York art fair. NADA Miami Beach returns to Ice Palace Studios in Miami, neighboring the Miami Design District. This year's art fair will present 85 galleries. Ice Palace Studios is located at 1400 North Miami Avenue, Miami. For information, visit www.newartdealers.org.



“3 Fires” by Erika Verzutti, 2018. Paper mache and rock clay, 15.55 x 28.54 x 2.76 inches. Image courtesy of the artist and Misako & Rosen.

8. Gagosian and Deitch Team Up & Curate Another Annual Show

Returning for its fourth team effort, Larry Gagosian and Jeffrey Deitch head to the Design District to present “Pop Minimalism | Minimalist Pop” in the historic Moore Building . The show includes art by Jeff Koons, Adam McEwen, Sarah Morris and Richard Prince and is curated to highlight the common intersections of conceptual approaches, according to the curators. The private cocktail party was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 so head there for the art. What to see what you missed? [Click here](#) for a social scene pictorial by WorldRedEye.

“Pop Minimalism | Minimalist Pop” is on view December 5 to 9, 2018 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.

9. Faena Art Presents its First Faena Festival during Art Basel Miami Beach Week

Faena Arts District has been a must-see place for art during Miami Art Week, even before it opened its [new building, held a splashy parade and installed art on the ocean beach](#) just outside of its hotel for the second year in 2017. This year, Faena pushes their prominence further with its very one Faena Festival taking place 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.

Set to the theme of “This is Not America,” the Faena Festival presents panels, performances and more. Click [here](#) for a full schedule and details.

Faena Beach, located between 32nd and 36th Streets in Miami Beach. The Faena Forum is located at 3300 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33140. The art is curated by Ximena Caminos.

10. ICA Miami First Friday & Judy Chicago

On Friday, head to ICA Miami for its free First Friday celebration and check out the Judy Chicago Exhibition which opened on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. Music is by [The Misshapes](#) and the fun continues until 10 p.m. Featured exhibitions at the contemporary art museum are “[Judy Chicago: A Reckoning](#)”; “[Larry Bell: Time Machines](#)” and “[Manuel Soano: I Don’t Wanna Wait Until For Our Lives to Be Over.](#)” [Click here](#) for the full list of shows on view. On Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., Chicago gives a [talk at Soho House](#), followed by a book signing.

ICA Miami has extended hours for Miami Art Fair Week. They are open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Monday. Admission is free. ICA Miami is located at 61 NE 41st Street, Miami, FL 33137. www.icamiami.org.

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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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