

Ultimate Guide to the NYC Art Fairs of Armory Show Week 2020

March 5, 2020

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Armory Week has arrived in New York City and brings with it the usual frenzy of art fairs. Even with the threat of the Coronavirus, no art fairs have cancelled although some issued a statement to reassure collectors that their fair would go on as planned. Like last year, ADAA's The Art Show has already come and gone. This year, VOLTA New York returns but don't expect to find it on the Piers. Look instead to nearby Metropolitan West. NADA New York continues declining to participate in an art fair and presents, instead, [New York Gallery Open](#) to entice visitors to member New York City galleries, non-profit and alternate spaces set across the city.

As expected, there are plenty of art fairs to visit during Armory Art Show Week. Set in neighborhoods across New York City, we've put together our annual Ultimate Guide to Armory Show Week to make planning easy. Fairs are presented in date order according to their open dates.

1. SPRING/BREAK Art Show

March 3 - 9, 2020

Collectors Preview: Tuesday, March 3, 11 am to 5 pm

VIP Opening Night: Tuesday, March 3, 5 pm to 9 pm

SPRING/BREAK Art Show moves again in 2020 and presents this year at Atlantic Production Center, 625 Madison Avenue, located between 58th and 59th Streets. Known as a maverick among art fairs, SPRING/BREAK features booths presented by curators in response to a theme. This year's theme is "IN EXCESS." As in prior years, the art show / art fair is installed across two floors. New for this year: Tickets are sold with timed entrance so consider your schedule carefully before purchasing. No refunds for late arrivals and entrance is not guaranteed.

Hours: Open daily 11 am to 8 pm.

Admission: \$25 One Day Pass, \$50 VIP Guest Pass. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Spring / Break is presented at Atlantic Production Center, 625 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. www.springbreakartshow.com.

2. VOLTA New York

March 4 - 8, 2020

Public Vernissage: Wednesday, March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

VOLTA New York returns from a one-year absence and reclaims its boutique roots. The 2020 edition represents a scaling back from recent fairs at the Pier and features 55 exhibitors from across the world. VOLTA art fairs are designed to allow visitors a deep dive into a single artist (or a pair of theme) that gives rise to discussion and contemplation. Click [here](#) for VOLTA New York 2020 exhibitor list.

Hours: Thursday to Saturday: noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$35 with Meet and Greet Passes already sold out. Click [here](#) to purchase.

VOLTA New York takes place at Metropolitan West, 639 West 46th Street (at 12th Avenue), New York, NY 10036. www.ny.voltashow.com.



MARQUEE PROJECTS exhibits a solo show by John Perreault at VOLTA NY. Image courtesy by Marquee Projects.

3. The Armory Show

March 5 - 8, 2020

The 26th edition of The Armory Show, the centerpiece of Armory Art Week, will feature around 178 galleries from 31 countries. Set across Piers 90 and 94, click [here](#) for exhibitors and [here](#) for programming. Admission is now cashless at the door so don't leave the plastic at home.

Hours: Thursday and Friday: noon to 8 pm; Saturday: noon to 7 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 6 pm

Admission: \$35 to \$63 for day passes and \$94 for a Multi-Day Pass. Buy online as in-person lines are expected to be long. Click [here](#) to purchase.

The Armory Show takes place on Piers 90 and 94, 711 12th Avenue, New York, 10019. www.thearmoryshow.com.

4. Art on Paper

March 5 - 8, 2020

Preview: Thursday, March 5, 6 to 10 pm

Art on Paper returns to Pier 36 to present a focused art fair that presents ways artists incorporate paper into their work. The 2020 edition features around 95 galleries exhibiting modern and contemporary art on paper.

Hours: Friday - Saturday: 11 am to 7 pm and Sunday: noon to 6 pm.

Admission: \$25 1-Day Ticket, \$35 Multi-Day Ticket, \$50 Preview Pass. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Art on Paper is being presented at Pier 36, 299 South Street, New York, NY 10002. www.thepaperfair.com.

5. Independent New York

March 6 - 8, 2020

Private Viewing (by invitation): Thursday, March 5

Independent New York offers its 11th edition and returns to Tribeca's [Spring Studios](#). Expect to find a slightly smaller fair of around 60 exhibitors from around the world with a continuing emphasis on contemporary art and an ensuing dialogue. The fair has been a hit with critics and is a favorite among the fray. Click here for this year's visitor list.

Hours: Friday - Saturday: noon to 7 pm, Sunday: noon to 6 pm.

Admission: \$35 Single Day Pass (\$25 for Students) and \$55 Run of Show. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Independent New York is presented at Spring Studios, 50 Varick Street, New York, NY 10013. www.independenthq.com.

6. SCOPE New York

March 5 - 8, 2020

Platinum First View: Thursday, March 5, 3 to 6 pm

VIP and Press Preview: Thursday, March 5, 6 to 9 pm

SCOPE New York will present around 62 galleries focused on contemporary art. Click [here](#) for the exhibitor list.

Hours: Friday - Saturday: 11 am to 8 pm, Sunday: 11 am to 7 pm

Admission: \$25 General Admission; \$150 Platinum First View; \$100 VIP Preview. Click [here](#) to purchase.

SCOPE Pavilion located at 125 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011. www.scope-art.com.

7. Clio Art Fair

March 5 - 8, 2020

VIP Opening Reception: Thursday, March 6, 6 - 9 pm

Clio Art fair, the self-proclaimed “anti-fair,” presents its tenth edition in New York. The art fair focuses on emerging artists without gallery representation. Click [here](#) for the artist list and sample artwork.

Hours: Friday and Saturday: noon to 8 pm and Sunday: noon to 6 pm.

Admission: VIP Tickets are \$55; Free Admission on Friday (March 7); \$35 for “Art Lovers Networking Bunch” from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; General Admission from 2 to 8 p.m. is \$18 or \$10 for students and seniors. Click [here](#) for details.

Clio Art Fair is presented at 550 West 29th street, New York NY 10001. www.clioartfair.com.

8. New York Antiquarian Book Fair

March 5 to 8, 2020

Preview: Thursday, March 5 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The New York Antiquarian Book Fair joins in Armory Week fun to present its 60th edition at [Park Avenue Armory](#) located at 643 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065. A Preview will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Over 200 American and international dealers will exhibit, bringing with them a selection of rare

books, maps, manuscripts, illuminated manuscripts and ephemera. Expect to find topics in art, medicine, literature, photography, autographs, first editions, Americana and more among the offerings.

Hours: Friday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Admission: Daily tickets are \$25 or \$10 for students with Run of Show tickets costing \$45. A Preview Pass is \$60 and includes one day of fair attendance. Click [here](#) to purchase.

New York Antiquarian Book Fair is presented at the Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065. www.nyantiquarianbookfair.com.

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