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# BACK TO THE BEACH

**AQUA ART MIAMI RETURNS TO ITS ORIGINAL ROOTS!**

*This year the fair returns to its roots at the Aqua Hotel in Miami Beach, where it was first launched in 2005.*

**DECEMBER 2-5, 2010**

1530 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida 33139

**Preview Opening**  
**December 1 > 8-11pm**  
(by invitation only)

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**Public Hours**  
**December 2/3/4: 11am-8pm > December 5: 11am-4pm**

**Admission**  
**General: \$10** (good for re-entry for the duration of the fair)  
**FREE with Aqua VIP Card or Art Basel VIP Card**

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## Exhibitors

532 GALLERY THOMAS JAECKEL NEW YORK > ARTSLANT LOS ANGELES > AUTOBODY FINE ART ALAMEDA > BETH URDANG GALLERY BOSTON > BIRCH LIBRALATO TORONTO  
BLUNT COLLECTIVE / AWOL GALLERY TORONTO > BRIDGETTE MAYER GALLERY PHILADELPHIA > C. EMERSON FINE ARTS ST. PETERSBURG > CANCIO CONTEMPORARY MIAMI  
CHANDLER FINE ART SAN FRANCISCO > CONRAD WILDE GALLERY TUCSON > DECORAZON GALLERY DALLAS > DONNA SEAGER GALLERY SAN RAFAEL  
ELEANOR HARWOOD GALLERY SAN FRANCISCO > eyewash projects BROOKLYN > FOULADI PROJECTS SAN FRANCISCO > G. GIBSON GALLERY SEATTLE > GALERIE T40 DÜSSELDORF  
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JACK FISCHER GALLERY SAN FRANCISCO > KATHARINE MULHERIN CONTEMPORARY TORONTO > MCKENZIE FINE ART NEW YORK > MICHAEL ROSENTHAL GALLERY SAN FRANCISCO  
MILLER BLOCK GALLERY BOSTON > NUDASHANK BALTIMORE > PDX CONTEMPORARY ART PORTLAND > PERIHELION ARTS PHOENIX > PHILIP SLEIN GALLERY ST. LOUIS  
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## Full Story

Aqua Art Miami is pleased to announce its return to the fair's original location – the Aqua Hotel in the heart of South Beach. During the first week in December, and running simultaneously with Art Basel Miami Beach, this boutique hotel will be transformed into a hub for innovative contemporary art programming, represented by the 43 galleries exhibiting there this year.

After a break in 2009, during which the fair focused on its Wynwood location, this return to the original hotel venue where the fair first began in 2005 is welcomed by many. "We are thrilled to be a part of Aqua's comeback to South Beach, as it's certainly one of the best hotel fairs in the U.S., if not internationally," boasts an enthusiastic Kathy Murphy, publisher of *Modern Painters* magazine, who are sponsoring Aqua's Preview Opening on the evening of December 1st.

Over the years, Aqua's organizers Jaq Chartier and Dirk Park have made it their mission to promote progressive galleries with strong emerging artist programs from the West Coast, as well as from the greater United States and abroad. This curatorial



commitment is complemented by the unique art fair setting of a classic South Beach hotel with spacious exhibition rooms that open onto a breezy, intimate courtyard. The surroundings have become a favorite gathering spot not only for relaxation during the busy Art Basel week, but also as a place to exchange and disseminate new contemporary art ideas. And with its close proximity to the main Art Basel fair, Aqua Art Miami has consistently been ranked among the top satellite art events by collectors, artists, curators, critics and the art loving public alike.

Throughout its tenure, a number of new galleries have made their Miami art fair debuts at Aqua. This year is no exception with Walker Contemporary from Boston and Nudashank from Baltimore, among the newcomers. The fair is also thrilled to welcome back many of its veterans, including Seattle's Platform Gallery, Gregory Lind Gallery and Eleanor Harwood Gallery from San Francisco, PDX from Portland, and Philip Slein Gallery from St. Louis. Local Miami art dealers are represented by Harold Golen and Cancio Contemporary, while our Canadian neighbors to the north have dispatched Birch Libralato and Katharine Mulherin Contemporary of Toronto, as well as Montreal's Pierre-François Ouellette Art Contemporain.

The fair's organizers are quite optimistic that with this year's "return to form" and with the recent upswing of the art market, this will be one of the most successful incarnations of Aqua Art Miami during their six-year history of producing the event. Plus it's great to be "back to the beach".

