

Art Basel Miami Beach BY IRENE MOORE

SATELLITE ART FAIRS



Art Basel Miami Beach isn't the only fair in town. It provides the impetus though, for the burgeoning art fairs that surround it. The entire city is literally brimming over with satellite art fairs, events, art parties, and related activities. Some fairs focus on a specific type of artwork, like photography, prints, or contemporary art; others present a broader range. Art fair organizers are selective as to whom they invite and allow to participate, so you can expect to see quality artwork presented by reputable art dealers. Opening nights are frequently gala events, supporting one or more nonprofit art organizations. You can buy art, socialize with the art community, and have a good time. Pace yourself though; it requires a lot of stamina to keep up with the demanding schedule.

ART ASIA

With 60-80 exhibitors from 17 countries, ART ASIA celebrates the burgeoning presence of art from Asia on the global scene. ART ASIA features cutting-edge painting, drawing, sculpture, prints, photography, mixed media, installations and video from both established and emerging artists. It features a program of talks, presentations and discussions by leading authorities in contemporary art. Dec. 4-7, VIP Preview: Weds. Dec. 3, 12-6 pm. ART ASIA Pavilion, 3000 NE 1st Ave., Miami, Wynwood Art District, \$15, www.artasiafair.com.

ART MIAMI

In its 19th edition, Art Miami, the city's longest-running contemporary art fair, showcases more than 115 leading national and international contemporary art galleries and prominent institutions, combin-

ing a selection of special exhibitions and curatorial projects, outdoor sculptures and video installations. The Art Miami Pavilion, Miami Midtown Arts District, is located just north of downtown Miami between NE 32nd & NE 31st Sts., Miami. Dec. 3-7, VIP: Tues. Dec. 2, 5-10 pm, \$15, www.art-miami.com.

ART NOW FAIR

This year marks Art Now Fair's first in Miami Beach. The fair supports galleries who have shown a commitment to exhibiting emerging and thought provoking art, showcasing approximately 50 different galleries from across the United States. The venue is conveniently located next to Flow Fair, INK, Bridge Art Fair, and RED DOT Miami Beach, and is two blocks from Art Basel and Aqua Fair. Dec. 6-9, Reception, Dec. 5, 8-10 pm, South Seas Hotel, 1751 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, www.artnowfair.com.

AQUA ART FAIR

The Aqua Art Miami fair takes place in two locations, one at the Aqua Hotel in South Beach, and the other in Aqua Wynwood, just a few blocks from a number of other satellite fairs including NADA, Pulse, Scope Miami, Art Miami, photoMiami, and InFashion Photo. Aqua Art Miami, based on the west coast USA, is showcasing 44 galleries, with approximately half of the galleries from Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Dec. 2-7; Preview; Dec. 3, 7-10 pm, Aqua Hotel, admission \$15, 1530 Collins Ave., Miami Beach & 42 NE 25th St., Wynwood, Miami, aquartmiami.com.