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Miami Art Basel: a guide

From opening times to must-see galleries, we have everything you need to make the most of Art Basel Miami Beach 2015

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Taking place from December 3 to 6, [Art Basel Miami Beach](#), along with its sister fair [Design Miami](#), brings a little winter sunshine to the cultural calendar. Attracting key players from the art set as well the odd celebrity, the show lights up Miami Beach with a flurry of creative happenings, quirky satellite fairs and exclusive parties.

This year the beach-side edition of Art Basel, curated by Nicholas Baume, takes for its theme Metaforms, which has been interpreted in 27 site-specific installations and performances by artists from over 11 countries. Now in its 14th year, the art fair is divided up into 10 different sectors including Galleries, where the main bulk of the art will be showcased; Nova, designed

for fresh faces to exhibit art created within the past three years; and Positions, the talent spotting arena for those looking to find the next big thing.

Highlights

Public

Taking over nearby Collins park will be 20 large-scale art installations in the Public sector of the fair's annual exhibition.

Enjoying art outdoors in the Miami sunshine is an opportunity not to be missed, but if you should tire on your stroll, Hank Will Thomas's speech bubble bench will provide welcome respite.

Film

Also making the most of the magnificent Miami weather are a number of open-air film screenings taking place at Soundscape park, where works will be shown on the 7,000 square foot projection wall of Frank



David Chalmers Alesworth, Trees of Pakistan, 2013-14

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Gehry's New World Centre.

Galleries

As with any art fair of this importance, all eyes will be on the galleries. Some 260 have made the journey to Miami Beach for this year's Art Basel, offering an array of artistic treats, installations and performance pieces.

First time exhibitors to look out for are Beijing Art Now Gallery, Francois Ghebaly Gallery and Galeria Plan B. Major players that shouldn't be missed are Vedovi Gallery and Mazzoleni, both showing for the first time at Miami Beach, while Andre Edlin Gallery and Kerlin Gallery will both be featuring in the Galleries sector, having previously shown as part of Nova.



Shinro Ohtake, OPIUM POPPY 17 / Cardinal Cloth, 2013

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In this sector of the fair devoted to new art, be sure to make time for Pakistan-based artist David Chalmers Alesworth at Indian Gallery SKE, and Japanese artist Shinro Ohtake at Tokyo's Take Ninagawa gallery.

Specialists in African and global art, The Goodman Gallery is showcasing a brand new tapestry work by William Kentridge. Meanwhile at New York galleries Alexander Grey Associates and Lehmann Maupin, highlights will include installations by Hassan Sharif and Nari Ward respectively. At Henrique Faria Fine Art, specialists in Latin American works, pieces by Argentine conceptual and performance artist Marta Minujín will be on display.

And over at Editions, the prints and limited-edition works sector of the fair, Carolina Nitsch Gallery, Crown Point Press and Universal Limited Art Editions will be in attendance.

Satellite fairs/alternative events

Design Miami

When the worlds of fine art and interiors collide, the result is Design Miami. Just across the street from Art Basel sit 35 exhibitors from around the world showcasing everything from soft furnishings to next year's objets to covet. Don't miss Pierre Le-Tan's portfolio of sketches inspired by Miami which has been transposed into a capsule collection in collaboration with J.Crew and is available to purchase at the fair.

Pulse

If the main event hasn't fully satisfied your appetite for up-and-coming artists and emerging galleries, [Pulse Contemporary Art Fair](#) certainly will. With galleries from three continents, this is a treat for lovers of experimental art and talent spotting alike.

Scope

One of the more established auxiliary fairs of Miami Art Week is [Scope](#). With 118 galleries from around the globe showcasing works, be sure to save some time in your Art Basel schedule for this established and influential show.

Practical information

Visitors can find a floorplan of the event [here](#).

Opening hours are as follows:

December 3, 2015, 3pm to 8pm

December 4, 2015, 12 noon to 8pm

December 5, 2015, 12 noon to 8pm

December 6, 2015, 12 noon to 6pm

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