

Art Basel Miami Beach 2023: What To Expect At The Main Fair

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Art Basel returns to Miami Beach from December 6 to 10, with 277 galleries participating this year. ART BASEL

December is upon us and for folks in Miami—or in the art world at large—that means [Art Basel Miami Beach](#). From December 6 to 10 (by-invitation private viewings are held on December 6 and 7), the Miami Beach Convention Center will be home to 277 galleries, 25 of which will be participating for the first time—with two-thirds hailing from North and Latin America. In mediums ranging from paintings and sculptures to photography and digital art, some of the resounding themes this year include works that speak to nature, as well as cultural and spiritual geographies.

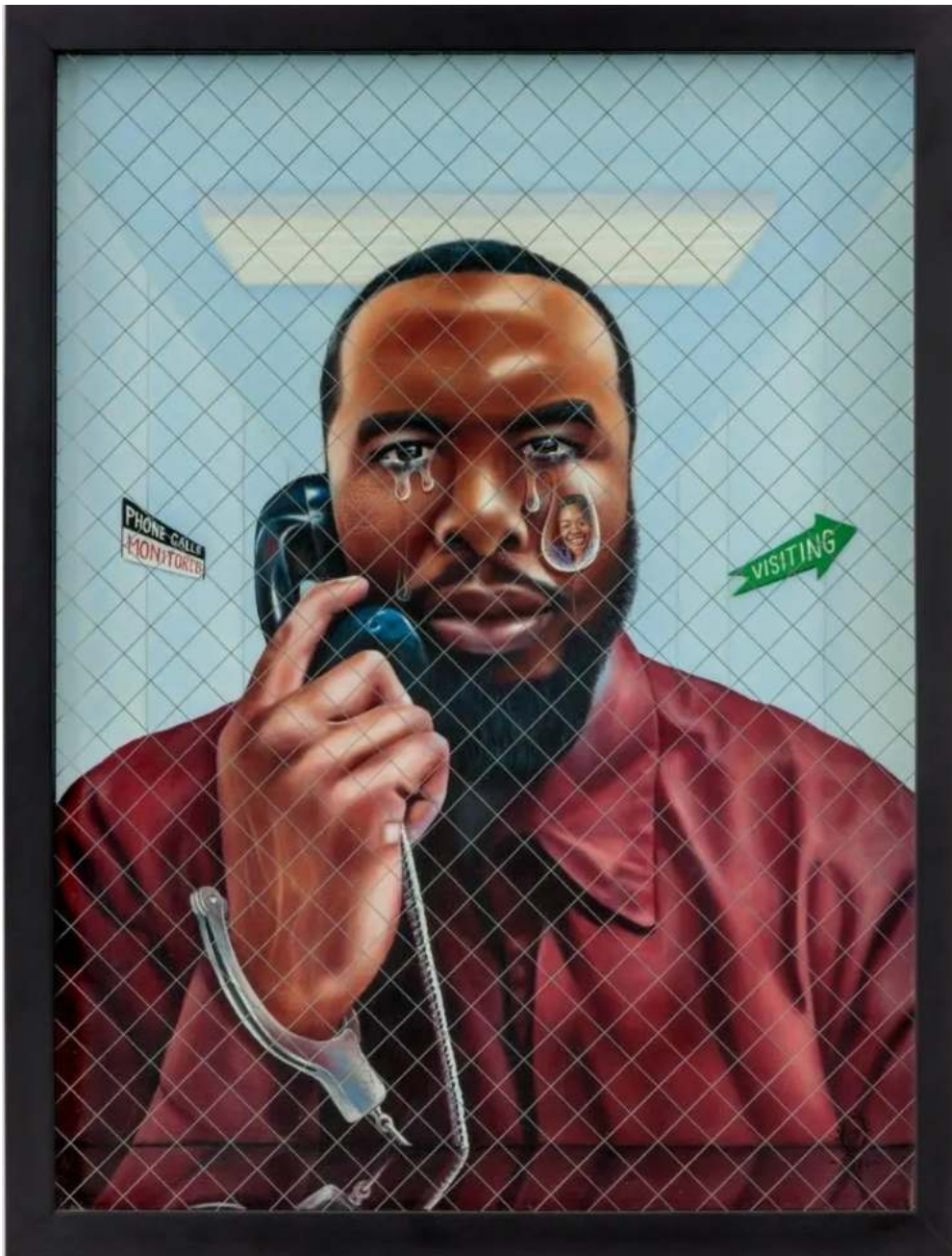
Let's break down the fair's main sectors and what to expect this year:

Galleries is the main section of the fair, where the world's leading galleries present the highest quality paintings, sculptures, drawings, installations, photography, videos and digital works.



The late Filipino American artist Pacita Abad's "I'm up and down like a yo-yo (2003)" will be ... [+] STPI GALLERY SINGAPORE

This year's show will include never-before-seen works by Argentinian-Italian surrealist Leonor Fini from the artist's personal collection, jointly presented by Galerie Minsky (Paris) and Weinstein Gallery (San Francisco). We'll also see an homage to Brockman Gallery, the first major contemporary gallery run by and for Black artists, co-organized by Parrasch Heijnen Gallery (Los Angeles) and Franklin Parrasch Gallery (New York) in collaboration with Alonzo Davis, one of Brockman Gallery's founders.



Fulton Leroy Washington (aka Mr. Wash)'s "From Behind the Glass" (2022)," will be presented by ...
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Meridians showcases large-scale sculptures, paintings and installations that go beyond the traditional art fair booth layout. It will feature 19 projects this year, including site-specific works for Art Basel Miami Beach, curated for the fourth consecutive year by

Mexico City-based curator and Director of Museo Tamayo Arte Contemporaneo, Magalí Arriola.

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Kabinett, which provides provides galleries the opportunity to present curated exhibitions within their main booths, will have 28 installations.

Nova is a space for galleries to present new works by up to three artists. The Ranch (New York) will showcase never-before-exhibited sculptures by Puerto Rican artist Daniel Lind-Ramos inspired by his hometown of Loíza, the largest Afro-Caribbean enclave in Puerto Rico. Gypsum Gallery (Cairo) will present new paintings by Egyptian artist Basim Magdy, the first staging of the artist's paintings in the U.S. Silverlens Gallery (Manila and New York) will be presenting for the first time as well.



Presenting for the first time at Art Basel Miami Beach, Silverlens Gallery, which has locations in ...

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In **Positions**, the sector for young galleries to showcase solo presentations by emerging voices, Galatea (Rio de Janeiro) will exhibit a new photo series by Brazilian artist Allan Weber, known for his work on everyday life in Rio de Janeiro's favelas. Dürst Britt & Mayhew (The Hague), the first Dutch gallery to participate in Art Basel Miami Beach, will present new works by Mexican artist Alejandra Venegas, hand-carved on native wood.

Survey, dedicated to galleries to showcase artistic practices of historical relevance, will include solo presentations of American artist and activist Karen Finley centered on her

1977 interactive installation at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, during a protracted legal battle with the National Endowment for the Arts, presented by Freight+Volume (New York). Also on display: American artist Vivian Browne, whose “Africa Series” paintings from the 1970s will be presented by Ryan Lee (New York).

Conversations, a series of live debates among artists, gallerists, collectors, curators, museum directors and critics will run from December 7 to 9. Curated by Emily Butler, this year will feature 35 thought leaders across nine panels celebrating Latin America. The program will draw inspiration from Miami’s position as a gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean, honoring Afro-Latino, Latino, and feminist histories, the artistic ecologies of Florida, and other topical issues in 2023. These conversations will be live-streamed on Facebook and recorded.



Brazilian artist Vânia Mignone's "Untitled (2022)" will be presented by São Paulo's Casa Triângulo FILIPE BERNDT/ VÂNIA MIGNONE/ CASA TRIÂNGULO

Also taking place during this period, the UBS Art Lounge (open to UBS-invited guests) at the Miami Beach Convention Center will showcase the UBS Art Collection, which includes

a site-specific triptych painting by Jeffrey Gibson entitled “Just When You Least Expect It,” commissioned for the UBS Arena in Elmont, New York. The Lounge will also feature the Collection’s recent acquisitions by Nick Cave, Awol Erizku, Deana Lawson and Hank Willis Thomas. They are also hosting exclusive experiences like a fireside chat on “The Art and Legacy of Hip-Hop” with Grammy Award-winning rapper and producer Kasseem “Swizz Beatz” Dean, and a private screening of “Origin,” the latest feature film from Academy Award nominee Ava DuVernay.

UBS has also partnered with ArtNoir, a global creative collective and non-profit organization that catalyzes cultural equity across the arts and culture industries, to create the UBS Art Studio, which will be stationed near the Meridians sector. The group presentation organized by ArtNoir co-founder and curator Larry Ossei-Mensah will feature works by Anthony Akinbola, Sonia Gomes, Melissa Joseph and Nari Ward, artists who engage in practices that utilize accessible materials like durags, shoelaces and other textiles to create art that invite inquiry and discourse. This is open to all Art Basel Miami Beach ticket holders. (They will also be presenting at the Soundscape Park.)

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