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Aqua Art Miami Announces 2013 Exhibitors For Its First Edition Presented By Art Miami During Art Week

Ninth Fair at Aqua Hotel to Host 46 International Galleries and Projects

MIAMI, Fla. (Nov. 4, 2013) – [Aqua Art Miami](#) is pleased to announce its roster of confirmed exhibitors and curated projects for Art Week, when the popular contemporary art fair runs Dec. 4 through Dec. 8, 2013. Its inaugural edition as part of the Art Miami family will retain the fair's dynamic programming and intimate atmosphere, while providing audiences and exhibitors with the expanded amenities and infrastructure that have become signatures of Art Miami and CONTEXT.

Since 2005, Aqua has established itself among the top fairs for emerging art during Miami Art Week, recognized for presenting vibrant and noteworthy international art programs with a particular interest in supporting young and established galleries with strong emerging and early-to-mid-career artists. This curatorial commitment is complemented by the unique art fair setting of a classic Art Deco hotel on South Beach with spacious exhibition rooms that open onto a breezy, charming courtyard. These surroundings have become a favorite gathering spot during the busy week to acquire work, exchange ideas, and discover new artists. Its close proximity to Art Basel Miami Beach has also helped make Aqua Art Miami one of the venues most attended by collectors, artists, curators, critics and the art-loving public.

Aqua Art Miami's ninth consecutive installment continues this tradition, maintaining the fair's signature relaxed vibe and spirited energy while attracting increasingly distinguished galleries. The 2013 edition will feature 46 international exhibitors showing a wide range of high-quality art by emerging and mid-career artists, working in all media from painting, photography and works on paper to sculpture, installation, video and multimedia art.

"Aqua has consistently delivered a strong roster of galleries featuring artists of the highest caliber. Returning visitors and the collectors new to Aqua will enjoy a diverse mix of established galleries and young exhibitors new to Miami Art Week," said Jennifer Jacobs, Director of Aqua Art Miami. "Our affiliation with Art Miami will take this new chapter of Aqua to the next level, underscoring our commitment to furthering the fair's artistic vision while expanding our capacity to shine an even greater spotlight on our galleries and artists, strengthening Aqua Art Miami's position as one of the must-see destinations during Art Week."

More than 40 percent of galleries who have contributed to Aqua's success over the years are returning for the 2013 edition, with a number of new participants traveling to the fair from North and South America, Asia and Europe. Selected exhibitors will transform the Aqua Hotel's airy rooms and inviting open spaces with innovative solo installations, interdisciplinary programming, and other happenings that integrate varied art forms into an immersive experience for fairgoers.

Programs include **Mini Monkey Town**, a pop-up by New York City's buzzed-about platform for filmmakers, video artists, musicians, performers and culinary artists – customizing its trademark

four-screen cube to suit the intimate dimensions of the Aqua Hotel. Visitors will also be invited to participate in a site-specific variation of Kevin Berlin's video project *Uncensored*, presented by Mark Miller Gallery of New York's Lower East Side, a special installation by Gary Baseman, courtesy of Shulamit Gallery of Los Angeles, and the premiere U.S. solo exhibition of South Korean artist Mari Kim, presented by Ellie S. Jo and Soul of Seoul.

Sound Vision at Aqua will illustrate the synergy between visual art and music through dynamic day-to-evening programming by Lyons Wier Music (LWM) & Audiophile Plus (AP). This experience will enliven the VIP Preview and evolve throughout the fair's run. Emerging and established recording artists, producers and DJs will activate the art fair format with sonic compositions that complement the visual art displayed by LWM & AP. Music programming and live DJ sets will stimulate Aqua's distinct atmosphere, introducing patrons to new inspirational music genres that will emanate throughout the courtyard and wraparound terrace. This interdisciplinary mixology will energize the fairgoers, providing a spontaneous soundtrack to the works on display.

As in years past, exhibitions featuring emerging artists and promising graduates will introduce art enthusiasts to fresh voices and inspire visitors with imaginative ideas. The online network and magazine ArtSlant will unveil the winners of a yearlong contest to select several artists from an open call juried by a panel of international art luminaries. In an ongoing series spotlighting a different institution of higher education each year, the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design at Georgia State University will showcase its MFA graduates. Island Press at Washington University in St. Louis will share the results of intensive printmaking residencies by prominent visiting artists including James Siena, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Nina Katchadourian, Radcliffe Bailey and Ann Hamilton.

The multi-dimensional entertainment and experiential encounters will add to the invigorating atmosphere that has made Aqua's opening the annual destination on Wednesday night of Art Week for influential collectors, connoisseurs and art professionals who migrate en masse from Art Basel Miami Beach's VIP preview a short walk away. The Aqua Art Miami VIP Preview on December 4, 2013, gets underway at 4 p.m. before the Vernissage even begins, and when that opening wraps at 8 p.m., the Aqua Hotel is in full swing. This exclusive first view encourages visitors to explore the room displays until the festivities wind down at 11 p.m., gaining insight from exhibitors and artists while seizing the opportunity to acquire work before the fair opens to the public the following day.

The following galleries have been confirmed for participation at Aqua Art Miami in 2013:

Antonio Colombo Gallery | Milan **Artéria** | Bromont, QC **ArtSlant** | Los Angeles **AWOL Gallery** | Toronto **Being 3 Gallery** | Beijing **Cancio Contemporary** | Miami **Charlie James Gallery** | Los Angeles **Coagula Curatorial** | Los Angeles **Contemporary Art and Editions** | Millburn, NJ **Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design** | Atlanta **Everything is art!** | Moscow **Galeria Casa Cuadrada** | Bogota **Galerie Bruno Massa** | Paris **Galerie Michael** | Beverly Hills **galerie juliane hundertmark** | Berlin **Gallery 300** | Santa Rosa, CA **Gallery at Gray's** | Cleveland **Get This!** | Atlanta **Ghostprint Gallery** | Richmond **Hamiltonian** | Washington DC **Hoffman LaChance Contemporary** | St. Louis **Island Press** | St. Louis **j ferguson gallery** | Farmville, VA **Jack Geary Contemporary** | New York **JAG Modern** | Philadelphia **K. Imperial Fine Art** | San Francisco **Lonsdale Gallery** | Toronto **LOOC Art** | Bedford Hills, NY **Lyons Wier Music & Audiophile Plus** | New York **Mark Miller Gallery** | New York **Mayer Fine Art** | Norfolk **McCaig-Welles** | Brooklyn **Monkey Town** | New York **Morton Fine Art** | Washington DC **Pele Prints** | St. Louis **Perihelion Arts** | Phoenix **Portrait Society Gallery** | Milwaukee **Projects Gallery** | Miami **Prole Drift** | Seattle **Rice Polak**

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Art Miami LLC is a partnership consisting of art and media industry veterans Nick Korniloff, Mike Tansey and Brian Tyler. The company annually presents a trio of fairs during Art Week: the 24-year-old flagship **Art Miami** – Miami's Premier International Contemporary and Modern Art Fair; **CONTEXT** – Miami's International Emerging and Cutting-Edge Art Fair, launched in 2012; and the recently acquired **Aqua Art Miami** – among the top fairs for emerging art since 2005. The Art Miami family also encompasses three international fairs of contemporary and modern art at other times of each year: **Art Wynwood**, over Presidents Day weekend in February, with an additional focus on the growing street art movement; the prestigious **Art Southampton** in July at the height of the cultural season in this legendary New York retreat for artists and collectors; and the innovative **Art Silicon Valley/Art San Francisco** that debuts in October 2014.



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