



**AQUA Art Miami Celebrates 13<sup>th</sup> Year of Supporting Emerging & Mid-Career Artists, Announces 2017 Exhibitor List Showcasing Vibrant & Noteworthy International Art Programs**

(December 6 – 10, 2017)

AQUA Art Miami, a sister fair of Art Miami, will celebrate its 13<sup>th</sup> edition this year at the AQUA Hotel in Miami Beach. A VIP Preview will be held on Wednesday, December 6 before the fair opens its doors to the public December 7-10.

The fair is a must-attend destination for influential collectors and art professionals to discover fresh talent and acquire works from emerging and mid-career artists. This year, 52 international exhibitors will present exciting works in intimate exhibition rooms that open onto the classic South Beach hotel's beautiful courtyard.

Through the years, AQUA Art Miami has solidified itself as a unique event that stays true to its signature 'relaxed-yet-energetic' vibe, which is why it remains a favorite gathering spot for both seasoned and new collectors to view and purchase art of the highest quality while exchanging cultural ideas and forming meaningful connections. Once again, the fair will host spellbinding performance pieces while exhibiting a curated selection of special projects. This year, AQUA Art Miami will shine a spotlight on fashion and style and its distinct relationship to contemporary art, through standout projects that include:

- **AQUA Lobby Pop Up presented by Cindy Lisica Gallery (Houston)**  
The pop up shop will display a curated selection of original artwork, photography, limited edition prints, books and collectible art objects.
- **BE ART by Laura Kimpton presented by HG Contemporary (New York)**  
Kimpton, Burning Man breakout star, has created a 16-foot tall sculpture that embraces the centuries-old practice of art honoring intellectuals, artists and men of power by mimicking a traditional Roman marble bust. Her gold bust of a female monkey wearing a gold-plated necklace that proudly exclaims BE ART will welcome guests.
- **Live Tattoo Art by Thea Duskin presented by Ghostprint Gallery (Richmond)**  
Duskin is renowned for her exquisite watercolor tattoos and will provide live performances at select times throughout the fair, where in addition to working on large, pre-scheduled pieces, Duskin will offer fairgoers the opportunity to acquire an original one-off, single-session tattoo that can be completed in a short amount of time. Priced at \$500, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Art from Canada presented by the Consulate General of Canada (Miami)**  
2017 marks Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Confederation, and to celebrate, the Consulate General of Canada has spearheaded a curated project by Tranter-Sinni Gallery to highlight works from emerging and established Canadian artists from diverse backgrounds to reflect the rich regional range of Canada's multiculturalism. Participating artists include Barbara Steinman, John Brown, Paterson Ewen, Wolfgang Kals, Jay Bell Red Bird, Russell Leng, Halina Stopyra, Andrew Maize and Christopher Gorey.



- **Talk with Art from Canada Artists – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**  
On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, the Consulate General of Canada in Miami and Tranter-Sinni Gallery will host an up-close and personal talk with two artists showing work at AQUA. Jay Bell Red Bird will speak about Canada’s aboriginal people – how they once lived, and continue to live, as loving, caring and peaceful people. He will talk about his time spent with Canadian artist Norval Morrisseau, and how great Canadian artists, including his father, Duke Redbird, have influenced his style and technique. Halina Stopyra will then discuss her work from a healing arts perspective, as well as her technique and intrinsic ability to heal through nature, each other and the universe.
- **AQUA Moments presented by Black Ship (Miami)**  
AQUA Moments will re-imagine space through sound, architecture, scent and the visual arts to create new environments that engage audiences to identify with all aspects of their surroundings by curation that stimulates and provokes multisensory satisfaction. As part of this program, multimedia performance artist Bea Pernia will provide the musical atmosphere for the VIP Preview.
- **AQUA Hotel Lobby exhibit featuring BAS Kosters presented by Rademakers Gallery (Amsterdam)**  
Artist and fashion designer Bas Kosters believes that fashion transforms, and as you wear a garment you become part of the art. His illustrations, drawings, paintings and graphic designs all work their way into his fashion creations. His work is a warning about alarming social issues by means of dark humor, while endeavoring to create enthusiasm and happiness on the other hand.
- **"Which Comes First, the Art or the Fashion?" presented by Morphew (New York)**  
Fashion and art always have been collaborators, and to this end, Morphew presents an art gallery and shop to showcase the ways in which these two worlds coexist through offering the most avant-garde 20th century designers and artists of luxury vintage fashion. The space will feature an installation dedicated to Keith Haring and his Pop Shop, as well as a collaboration with Kara Ross and Unleashed, where three original Bindi works utilizing vintage textiles will celebrate a collective of artisan women from Bareilly, India who are experts in the art of hand beading. These pieces were created through Unleashed’s work as a global social impact brand that provides women the opportunity to break the poverty cycle through education and job creation.

#### **2017 AQUA Art Miami Exhibitor List**

**&gallery** | Miami; **212 Arts** | New York; **AC Contemporary Art** | Buenos Aires; **Alfstad& Contemporary** | Sarasota; **Artêria Gallery** | Bromont; **ArtHelix Gallery** | Brooklyn; **AUREUS Contemporary** | Wakefield; **Black Ship** | Miami; **BoxHeart Gallery** | Pittsburgh; **BP Project** | Paris; **Cancio Contemporary** | Miami; **Cindy Lisica Gallery** | Houston; **CityArts Factory** | Orlando; **Consulate General of Canada** | Miami; **Easton Art Galleries** | Delray Beach; **Exhibit A** | Corning; **Fine Art Consultancy** | London; **GACI/Prak-sis** | Chicago; **GALERI SELVIN** | Istanbul; **Galerie LeRoyer** | Montreal; **Galleria Ca' d'Oro** | Miami; **GALLERI RAMFJORD** | Oslo; **Gallery 38** | Los Angeles; **Gallery 300** | Santa Rosa; **Gallery d'Arte** | New York; **Ghostprint Gallery** | Richmond; **glave kocen gallery** | Richmond; **HG Contemporary** | New York; **Higher Art Gallery** | Traverse City; **Hirumchi Styling Company** | New Dehli; **Industry Gallery** | West



Hollywood; **LDVC Art Experiences** | Winter Park; **LoveArt Gallery** | Norwalk; **MARTINA'S GALLERY** | Monza Brianza; **Morphew** | New York; **Ol' Blue** | Hannibal; **Orit Fuchs** | Tel Aviv; **Projects Gallery** | Miami; **Rademakers Gallery** | Amsterdam; **reference: contemporary** | Toronto; **Simard Bilodeau Contemporary** | Los Angeles; **SPACE 776** | New York; **Spence Gallery** | Toronto; **standARTE** | Madrid; **Stick Together Gallery** | Amsterdam; **Studio A** | Washington; **The Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design at Georgia State University** | Atlanta; **The Mine Factory** | Pittsburgh; **The Unicorn Gallery** | Milano; **Tranter-Sinni Gallery** | Miami; **Upcycling Art Show** | Madrid; **Whitespace Collection** | West Palm Beach

Multi-Day Pass provides admission to Art Miami, CONTEXT and AQUA Art Miami. A One-Day Pass provides admission to AQUA Art Miami only. Complimentary shuttle service will be available between the fairs. Tickets: \$25 one-day pass; \$95 multi-day pass; \$20 Students 12-18 & Seniors 62+.

Hours--Opening Night VIP Preview Wednesday, Dec. 6: 3pm -10pm; Thursday, Dec. 7: Noon – 9pm; Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9: 11am – 9pm; Sunday, Dec. 10: 11am – 6pm. For further information or tickets, please call 800-376-5850, email [AQUA@AQUAartmiami.com](mailto:AQUA@AQUAartmiami.com) and/or visit [www.AQUAartmiami.com](http://www.AQUAartmiami.com).

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