

AQUA ART MIAMI PRESENTS EXCEPTIONAL ARTWORKS, SOLO EXHIBITIONS, AND IMMERSIVE INSTALLATIONS

Portuguese Artist ADD FUEL Transforms Aqua Hotel's Façade With Special Blue Ceramic Tile Mural, Alongside Highlighted Works by Ashley Longshore, Paris Brosnan, Jenny Chandler, and more

MIAMI, FL. (Nov. 21, 2024) – <u>Aqua Art Miami</u> is pleased to feature new works, solo presentations, and special projects from 42 global galleries. The fair kicks off with a VIP Preview on Wednesday, Dec. 4, featuring a special performance by renowned DJ A-Trak, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 8. The fair continues to push boundaries and drive the conversation around contemporary art.

This year's edition will feature highlights including inaugural U.S. presentations by global artists, special projects, and groundbreaking works by artists pushing the envelope with relevant topics such as the environment, humanitarian efforts, and the intersection of technology and art. Aqua's roster of well-respected international galleries will showcase fresh artists' works in intimate exhibition rooms, which open into the beautiful courtyard of the classic South Beach hotel.

"Aqua Art Miami has long been a platform for emerging and mid-career artists, and this year's edition continues that tradition with unmatched energy," says Cordelia De Freitas, Director of Aqua Art Miami. "In our uniquely intimate setting, we're proud to showcase a compelling lineup of artists and their curated works, offering fresh perspectives that inspire and redefine the art world."

Aqua Art Miami highlights for 2024 include:

- Ashley Longshore Studio Gallery, the renowned New York-based pop artist, will make her art fair debut at Aqua Art Miami, showcasing her vibrant, bold creations for the first time. Her art challenges the status quo, delving into themes like capitalism, financial independence, anti-patriarchy, body positivity, and unapologetic authenticity. With a fearless approach, Ashley uses her work to provoke thought, inspire change, and encourage her audience to embrace their true selves while questioning societal norms. Rich in color and attitude, her unique style celebrates individuality and the power of self-expression in a world that often values conformity.
- **Paris Brosnan** makes his debut at Aqua Art Miami with *Familiar Friends*, a captivating piece that explores the human experience through the lens of non-representational expressionism. Using mixed media spray paint, oil, stick, acrylic, and ink markers on canvas, Brosnan creates dynamic compositions filled with vivid color and energy. His work challenges viewers to engage on a



visceral level, evoking emotion and provoking thought. Through childlike characters and simplified forms, Brosnan reflects the purity and wonder of the human condition, offering a reminder of life's simple, beautiful moments. His goal is to foster a sense of connection and familiarity, encouraging viewers to see the world through a kaleidoscopic lens and find their own personal meaning within each piece.

- Fabien Castanier Gallery is thrilled to present a solo exhibition for contemporary Portuguese artist ADD FUEL at Aqua Art Miami, marking his first solo show at the fair. The exhibition will feature new works, showcasing ADD FUEL's signature mastery in manipulating ceramic tiles and creating intricate, pattern-based art that captivates the viewer. In addition to his gallery presentation, ADD FUEL will unveil a special mural painted on the façade of Aqua Hotel, transforming the exterior into a vibrant, site-specific artwork. Known for his skillful rendering of patterns and motifs, ADD FUEL's work plays with visual depth, blending sculptural elements with intricately painted designs that draw the eye in. This mural will serve as a striking public installation, allowing fairgoers to experience the artist's detailed and dynamic approach to pattern-making on a grand scale, further blurring the boundaries between art and architecture.
- Jenny Chandler Art will present a vibrant collection in the penthouse suite at Aqua this year. A visionary abstract artist based in Los Angeles, Chandler channels her personal journey and healing from domestic violence into her acrylic works. Her art, filled with vivid energy and emotional depth, invites viewers to connect with her complex narratives, offering a powerful dialogue on resilience and transformation.

Aqua Art Miami proudly supports the Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) as the designated beneficiary of its exclusive VIP Preview on Tuesday, December 3. Aqua Art Miami is sponsored by JW Marriott Marquis Miami, Hotel Beaux Arts Miami, The Miami Herald, El Nuevo Herald, BouludSud, Spuntino Catering, Bourlet Art Logistics, Turon Travel, Art Nexus, Miami DDA, Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami, Brightline, Coral Gables Museum, Adrienne Arsht Center, Boca Raton Museum of Art, History Miami Museum, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, The Bass, ICA Miami, Art & Object, Forbes Mexico, Arnet, The Art Newspaper, Modern Luxury Miami, ArtNews, Art & Antiques, Kennedy Kids, Arte Al Limite, Art Pulse, Venü, Lifestyles South Florida, Resort World Bimini Bahamas, Cultured Magazine, Fountainhead, Informa Markets, Altima Caviar, Marker's Mark, Aperol Spritz, Lallier Champagne, Miraval, Espolón Tequila, No.3 London Dry Gin.

2024 AQUA ART MIAMI EXHIBITOR LIST:

1st Gallery Los Angeles | **AC Latin Art** Bueos Aires | **ACT CONTEMPORARY** Istanbul | **Agora Gallery** New York | **A Great Gallery** Miami | **Aleloop** Miami | **Alessandro Berni Gallery** Lucignano | **alison milne co.** Toronto | **Anjalé Fine Art** Los Angeles | **Arch Enemy Arts** Philadelphia | **ART E\$TATE** Miami |



ARTE GLOBALE London | Ashley Longshore Studio Gallery New York | Bermano Gallery Brooklyn | Clint Eagar Design Santa Rosa Beach | CST Gallery Art Sparta | DFine Art Gallery Miami | Fabien Castanier Gallery Miami | Galerie Lise Braun Saint-Tropez | GALLERY 14C Jersey City | gallery knot Seoul | Gyagyagya Gallery Tokyo | Jackson Junge Gallery Chicago | Jenny Chandler Art Los Angeles | Juliane Hundertmark Berlin | Latin American Art Pavilion (LAAP) Miami | Mazlish Gallery Brooklyn | MK APOTHECARY New Jersey | Mookji Art Contemporary Seoul | Nepenthe Gallery Alexandria | Nisticovich Gallery Tel Aviv | PHILLIP MICHAELS ART + DAN LIFE New York | Ross Contemporary Chicago | Salome Art Venture Amsterdam | SHIM Art Network Connecticut | SIA NY New York | STUDIO 602 Paphos | STUDIO ART MAGIC Attleboro | VAN LEEUWEN ART Zurich | Vertical Gallery Chicago | Victoria White Venice Beach

HOURS AND LOCATION:

VIP Preview: Wednesday, December 4th: 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

General Admission: Thursday, December 5th: noon - 9 p.m.; Friday, December 6th - Saturday,

December 7th: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, December 8th: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location:

Aqua Art Miami takes place inside the Aqua Hotel at 1530 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Tickets are available for purchase at <u>www.aquaartmiami.com/tickets</u>. Please note that tickets are exclusively available online and cannot be purchased onsite.

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About Aqua Art Miami:



Now in its 18th year, Aqua Art Miami is the premier destination for art aficionados to procure works by young, emerging and mid-career artists during Miami Art Week. The energetic preview has become the destination for influential collectors and art professionals, many of whom migrate from Aqua's sister fairs, Art Miami and CONTEXT conveniently nestled between the Venetian Causeway and the MacArthur Causeways. Throughout the years, the fair has continued to solidify itself as a completely unique art fair, consistently staying true to its signature relaxed yet energetic vibe. A roster of well respected international galleries annually showcase fresh artists' works in the intimate exhibition rooms, which open into the beautiful courtyard of the classic South Beach hotel just a few short blocks from Miami Beach Convention Center.