



My dear fairgoers,

My stay in New York, although too short, was incredibly rich with all the fairs, exhibitions and auctions I was lucky enough to visit. I'll tell you about TEFAF and Focus New York at the end of this newsletter. But first, Basel! Like every year, Basel Art Week promises to be full of excitement and great discoveries. Here's a quick overview.

Happy reading!

Basel Art Week

Art Basel



15 - 18 June 2023

For this edition, Art Basel welcomes 285 galleries from 36 countries. Among them are 21 gallerists participating in the fair for the first time, three of whom will be exhibiting directly in the 'Galleries' main sector: Blank Projects from Cape Town, Empty Gallery from Hong Kong and Offer Waterman from London. 'Galleries' is completed by 7 different sectors: 'Unlimited' for monumental projects, 'Feature' for curated presentations by 20th and 21st centuries artists, 'Statement' for solo shows of emerging artists, 'Edition' for editioned works, prints and multiples, 'Parcours' for site-specific works and 'Kabinett' for curated selection by the galleries within their booth. Swiss-based Moroccan artist Latifa Echakhch is in charge of designing the Messeplatz, with a sprawling superstructure that will host a series of live concerts and performances.

Following this 2023 edition, Maike Cruse will take up her post as Director of Art Basel in Basel, a position newly created following the departure of Marc Spiegler as Global Director.

All info about the fair [here](#).



Liste Art Fair

12 – 18 June 2023

Liste is a long-running fair that was first launched in 1996. Liste aims to highlight the latest developments in contemporary art with an avant-garde approach. Each year, the fair invites an institution, artist, magazine or curator to participate in the Special Project. For this 2023 edition, Sarah Johanna Theurer is curating the exhibition "Whistlers", which addresses the theme of sustainability with a focus on resilience. With 88 galleries from 35 countries gathered in hall 1.1 at Messe Basel, where Art Basel also takes place, visitors will be able to discover the works of art of over 100 artists, 66 solo and 18 group presentations, as well as two joint stands, and take the pulse of the latest trends in contemporary art.

More info about the fair [here](#).



VOLTA Basel

12 – 18 June 2023

Another year, another venue! For Basel 2023, VOLTA has moved to a new location, Klybeck 610. The building was designed by architects Suter + Suter in 1967 and is located in a 15 minute walk from Art Basel. Since its creation in 2005, VOLTA is committed in connecting seasoned collectors with emerging artists and works. His director Kamiar Maleki works tirelessly to position VOLTA as an essential stopover at the exciting Basel Art Week. 31 galleries from around the world are going to present a wide range of works from painting to digital art. Art Basel and photobasel VIPs gain free entry to VOLTA. General admission ticket holders for these fairs are offered a discounted admission.

More info about the fair [here](#).

Design Miami/ Basel



13 – 18 June 2023

Design Miami/, part of MCH Basel, which also manages Art Basel, returns to Basel for 17th edition. The fair holds another edition in Miami in December. Design Miami/ is a global forum for collectible design and features some of the best international galleries dedicated to historic and contemporary furniture, lighting and objets d'art, including Friedman Benda, Laffanour, Galerie Mitterrand and Galerie Pascal Cuisinier. The 2023 edition of Design Miami/ Basel presents in a new, focused format, designed to celebrate many of the galleries that have established - and continue to build - the market for collectible design as we know it today. In total, 26 galleries are gathering at Basel's Messeplatz,

All info about the fair [here](#).

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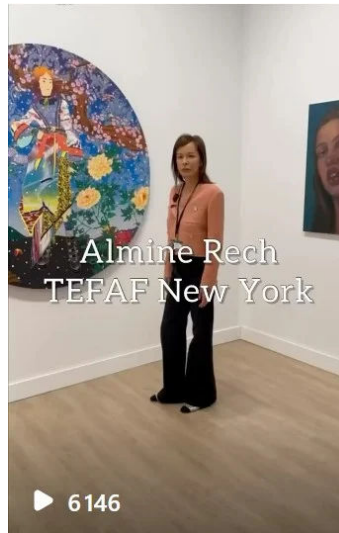
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New York fairs

TEFAF New York



12 - 16 May 2023

I spent two days wandering the aisles of TEFAF New York, from stand to stand, interviewing renowned gallerists - such as Thaddaeus Ropac, Almine Rech, Brett Gorvy, Franck Prazan among others - and admiring the works of art on display. I found that TEFAF's DNA - combining quality and variety - was right on target. The vernissage was packed: over 10,000 people, a record for the fair.

Two works of art particularly impressed me. The one by El Anatsui, presented by Edward Tyler Nahem, which lit up the back of the first floor corridor, and the large bronze bar in the shape of a grasshopper, by François-Xavier Lalanne, on Kamel Mennour's booth, which sold for 7.5 million euros. Although dealers in ancient, modern and contemporary art were generally satisfied with sales on the first two days, it was design that proved the most successful. Galerie Mitterrand sold four pieces by François-Xavier Lalanne from 1992 for a total of \$2,330,000. Galerie Lefebvre and Paris dealer François Laffanour were equally enthusiastic, having sold 10 pieces by the morning of the 13th.

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- El Anatsui, *Untitled*, 2020. Aluminum and copper wire, 118 x 109.5 inches. Courtesy Edward Tyler Nahem.
- Alberto Magnelli, *Explosion Lyrique No. 1*, 1918. Oil on canvas, 51.25 x 51.25 inches. Courtesy of Landau Fine Art.
- François-Xavier Lalanne, *Sauterelle Bar*, c.1974. Steel and polished brass, 39.37 x 45.28 x 88.19 inches. Courtesy Mennour.

Focus New York



18 - 21 May 2023

The vibrant city of New York bore witness to an extraordinary celebration of art as Focus Art Fair's latest edition unfolded its mesmerizing display from the 18th to the 21st of May 2023. Nestled within the iconic Chelsea Industrial building, this art fair left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape, captivating visitors and participants alike with its meticulously curated galleries and cutting-edge installations.

The success of Focus New York can be attributed to its unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation. The fair attracted renowned galleries, artists, collectors, and art enthusiasts from around the world, fostering a dynamic and vibrant exchange of ideas. The bustling energy and enthusiasm that filled the Chelsea Industrial building underscored the tremendous impact of this art fair.

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The carefully planned programming ensured that Focus New York was not just an exhibition, but an immersive cultural experience. Engaging panel discussions and insightful artist talks enriched the fair, allowing visitors to delve into the creative process and gain a deeper understanding of the artworks on display. The integration of technology, such as augmented reality and virtual reality, further enhanced the visitors' experience, elevating Focus New York to the forefront of contemporary art events. The meticulous curation, engaging programming, and commitment to community engagement all contributed to making this edition of Focus Art Fair an unequivocal triumph. As doors closed on this unforgettable event,

anticipation for the next edition of Focus Art Fair is already brewing, promising even greater heights for the celebration of art and creativity.

- Woolga Choi, *Brooklyn Born Series [B.B - 024]*, 2022 / 130.3x162.2cm, oil on canvas K, 2022.
- Katharina Arndt, *Overground*, 2022 / 37.4x15.8cm, acrylic on canvas
- Dariel Perez, *Blue Ritual*, 2021 / 72x81cm, acrylic on canvas, 2021
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