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Your Concise Guide to Miami Art Week 2018

Your essential guide (by a local) of what to see and do during Miami's popular art week.



Art Basel in Miami Beach 2017. © Art Basel

MIAMI — Miami Art Week itself, which takes over the entire city and nearly all its cultural institutions, is longer than Art Basel Miami Beach — the main fair at South Beach's Convention Center — but the two are synonymous in name and hashtag. There are about a hundred guides to Art Week, its satellite shows and attendant lectures, parties, openings, DIY spaces, "pop-ups" — guides that'll tell you where to go, what to avoid, how to survive.

Art Basel Miami Beach

When: December 6–9 / Thursday: 3pm to 8pm; Friday–Saturday: noon–8pm; Sunday: noon–6pm
Where: Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach

The one that birthed them all, this year's fair functions just like last year's. There are various sectors to peruse outside of the over 200 galleries on display: "Nova," to showcase the recent work of one, two, or three artists; "Positions," for single-artist projects; "Kabinett," the artist-curated sections of gallery booths; "Editions," a space for publishers to exhibit editioned works and prints; and "Survey," for art-historical presentations. Sadly, there are a few features missing: there is no film program, nor a Public Art Program. But! There is a live performance by Abraham Cruzvillegas.

Also worth noting: Sean Kelly's booth at the fair, where the gallery will present an activation of its Collect Wisely program. The point? "Slowing down and paying attention to the art," says the press release. Don't forget to do that.