



World of art

Founded in Basel, Switzerland in 1970, by Basel gallerists Ernst Beyeler, Trudy Bruckner and Balz Hilt, Art Basel now attracts 100,000 visitors

The international art fair now exhibiting simultaneously across several locations, initially drew some 16,000 visitors, presented by 90 galleries from ten different countries around the world in 1970.

In its first five years, the show was able to raise numbers to over 37,000 guests and 300 exhibitors from 21 countries. From 2002, Art Basel began to expand the exhibition to other locations

around the world, beginning in Miami Beach. During this time, Samuel Keller was the head of Art Basel and introduced Art Unlimited, which showcased sculpture, installations, video art and performance art. The exhibit was further expanded to Hong Kong in 2013.

The four-day Art Basel fair for 2023 will take place from 15 June and will feature 200 galleries exhibiting art

from more than 4,000 artists from all corners of the world.

In addition to the regular art galleries that will be participating, there will also be spaces to showcase the Unlimited exhibits, curated this year by Giovanni Carmine, Feature and Statement exhibitions, an Edition sector for print art, and Parcours, a representation of the street art as it unfolds in Old Town, curated by Samuel Leuenberger.

Today, Art Basel also features exhibits representing film, curated by Marian Masone and Filipa Ramos. The Conversations sector will facilitate dialogue between artists and other professionals in the industry, and a special area dedicated to what they call Kabinett is a curated selection of group exhibitions, solo presentations and art-historical showcases. There is public artwork available to view as ➤

Above: A display at the Hive Center for Contemporary Arts, Hong Kong – one of the four host cities for Art Basel – at the 2023 edition, 285 of the world's leading galleries will exhibit, with 21 new galleries making spectacular debut contributions

part of the Messeplatz Project as well, in addition to a magazine exhibit for international art publications. Artists that will be featured at the event have yet to be announced, but the galleries are getting ready for June.

Miami Beach's Basel exhibition will take place from 8 to 10 December 2023 and will feature galleries from five continents showcasing modern and contemporary art. The US-based edition of the event usually follows a similar format and will have sectors for film, magazine, editorials, physical and performance art and others. Again, given the event is in December, the art that will be on display has not yet been announced, but more information will be forthcoming as the year progresses.

Hong Kong's 2023 instalment of the exhibit occurred from 23 to 25 March 2023 and previewed what may come in the Basel



and Miami Beach shows later in the year. Almost 200 exhibitors from 32 countries displayed art from around the world, including large-scale works as a part of the Encounters sector of the fair. The Insights exhibit displayed projects and art from Asia and the Asia-Pacific from the last 120 years. The Discoveries sector showcased art that was created for the show

by emerging artists, and the film section focused on film about art and artists. The exhibits were curated by Li Zhenhua, Stephanie Bailey and Alexie Glass-Kantor.

Some of the artists featured at Hong Kong's Art Basel fair include Zhang Ruyi, Martin Margiela, Awol Erizku, Lee Bul, Kusama, Nam June Paik, Chiharu Shiota, Pipilotti Rist, Jaffa Lam and even Renoir.

Above: President of France, Emmanuel Macron attended the inaugural Paris+ par Art Basel in 2022, with French Minister of Culture Rima Abdul Malak and First Lady Brigitte Macron
Below: Art Basel Miami Beach

The Art Basel Cities initiative was announced at the 2016 Hong Kong edition of Art Basel. The initiative's aim is to develop bespoke cultural offerings with a partner city. In September of that year, Buenos Aires was announced as the first partner city. Art Basel and UBS commissioned a new annual art market report covering main macroeconomic trends and offers fundamental insights on the art market.

The inaugural edition of Paris+ par Art Basel in 2022 brought together 156 leading French and international galleries to present artworks across all media – from painting and sculpture to photography and digital works. From curated presentations of 20th century masterpieces to solo booths by emerging artists, Paris+ par Art Basel presented a global showcase of the highest quality, firmly embedded in Paris and its cultural scene.

artbasel.com ■

