

Art Basel Switzerland 2022: Is it Business as normal?



The 2022 edition of Art Basel returns to its usual June dates (16-19 June), bringing some sort of normalcy with it. The use of masks and on-site covid testing is expected to follow the pandemic protocols. Art Basel gallery numbers are up this year, with 289 prominent galleries from across the world showcasing the best quality of works across all mediums, from rare and historical classics to new works by today's emerging artistic voices, after two years of artist absence.

The fair will feature 70 large-scale artworks in Unlimited, 20 projects in Parcours, a large-scale floor installation titled 'Out of Sight' (Messeplatz), an ambitious Film program, and Conversations.



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Unlimited

The following projects stand out among the ambitious initiatives covered in this section:

- Kennedy Yanko's massive hanging sculpture, *By means other than the known senses* (2022);
 - Yael Bartana's video work *'Malka Germania'* (2021);
 - Theaster Gates' mural installation, *'Hardware Store Painting'* (2020/2022);
 - Mary Lovelace O'Neal's large-scale painting from the iconic 1970s *'Lampblack'* series;
 - Thomas J Price's sculptural installation *'Moments Contained'*
 - Anna Maria Maiolino's video work *"Twice: X & Y,"* (1974/2022);
 - *'Bilongue'* (2020) by Barthélemy Toguo, a 45-wood panel installation.
- On Thursday, June 16, Art Basel will host Unlimited Night for the first time, allowing guests to explore the sector during extended hours with a program of innovative performances.

Parcours

Among the ambitious undertakings featured in this section are the following:

- With Anna Hulačová's new sculptural installation *'Edible, Beautiful, Untamed'* (2022);
- Alicja Kwade's *'SIÈGE DU MONDE'* (2022), comprising eight new bronze sculptures;
- Matthew Lutz-Kinoy's new paintings and site-specific installation;
- A new sculptural installation and performance by Puppies Puppies (Jade Guarano Kuriki-Olivo); and
- Tomás Saraceno's sculpture *'Silent Autumn (AB Aur b/M+M)'* (2021), presented outdoors in the garden of Haus zum Raben by Tanya Bonakdar Gallery and neugerriemschneider.

Parcours Night, a convivial evening of live performances at a number of unique locations across Basel's city center, will take place on Saturday, June 18.



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Film

Filipa Ramos will once again curate the Film program at Stadtkino Basel, which will run from Monday, June 13 through Saturday, June 18.



Stadtkino Basel

Conversations

The acclaimed Conversations series at Art Basel provides a forum for the exchange of ideas on issues related to the worldwide contemporary art scene. Leading artists, gallerists, collectors, curators, museum directors, and critics are among the 46 speakers in this year's program, which is divided into 12 panels.

In addition this year there is a long list of first-time galleries, among them Jahmek Contemporary Art from Luanda, Angola, Senega; Athr Gallery from Saudi Arabia's Diriyah, Al-Ula and Jeddah; OH Gallery from Dakar; Mariane Ibrahim from Paris and Chicago; and Proyectos Ultravioleta from Guatemala City.

According to Marc Spiegler, Art Basel's global director, this year will bring new pushups and new artists from all over the world. The business will resume normal operations as before.

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