

# Art | Basel

## Miami Beach

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### PRESS STATEMENT

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**Due to the pandemic's impact, Art Basel announces the cancellation of its Miami Beach fair**

**Given the current situation regarding the pandemic's impact, which spans from South Florida to other parts of the country and the world; limitations and uncertainty about the staging of large-scale events; international travel restrictions and bans, as well as quarantine regulations within the United States and internationally, alongside other factors, Art Basel has no other option but to cancel the 2020 edition of Art Basel in Miami Beach. Art Basel in Miami Beach was scheduled to take place from December 3 to December 6, 2020 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.**

Noah Horowitz, Director Americas, Art Basel said: 'It is with great regret and disappointment that we announce the cancellation of our December show in Miami Beach, as we know how crucial our show is for our galleries, as well as for the greater Miami arts community and economy. We thank everyone who shared their perspectives and insights with us over the past months and weeks and look forward to returning to Miami Beach next year to deliver a successful show.'

As the artworld continues to face momentous challenges, Art Basel remains firmly committed to supporting the global gallery community in the best way possible through its digital initiatives and by hosting its upcoming 2021 shows in Hong Kong, Basel, and Miami Beach. Art Basel's digital initiatives will continue this fall with two individual thematic editions of its Online Viewing Rooms: 'OVR:2020', dedicated to artworks produced during 2020 and running from September 23 to 26, and 'OVR:20c', presenting works created between 1900 and 1999 from October 28 to 31. These digital events will be followed in December by Online Viewing Rooms that will be open to all galleries accepted to the 2020 edition of Art Basel in Miami Beach. Further details on the upcoming Online Viewing Rooms will follow in the coming weeks.

As has been communicated previously, galleries selected for Art Basel in Miami Beach 2020 will not be charged any participation/booth fees for the December show and application fees will be rolled over to 2021 for accepted galleries.

The next edition of Art Basel in Miami Beach will take place from December 2 to December 5, 2021, with preview days on December 1 and December 2, 2021.

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### NOTES TO EDITORS

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#### **About Art Basel**

Founded in 1970 by gallerists from Basel, Art Basel today stages the world's premier art shows for Modern and contemporary art, sited in Basel, Miami Beach, and Hong Kong. Defined by its host city and region, each show is unique, which is reflected in its participating galleries, artworks presented, and the content of parallel programming

produced in collaboration with local institutions for each edition. Art Basel's engagement has expanded beyond art fairs through new digital platforms and a number of new initiatives such as The Art Basel and UBS Global Art Market Report and The BMW Art Journey. Art Basel's Global Media Partner is The Financial Times. For further information, please visit [artbasel.com](http://artbasel.com).

### **Important Dates for Media**

#### **OVR:2020**

##### **Preview (by invitation only)**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, noon (CET) – Friday, September 25, 2020 noon (CET)

##### **Public day**

Friday, September 25, 2020 noon (CET) – Saturday, September 26, 2020 midnight (CET)

#### **OVR:20c**

##### **Preview (by invitation only)**

Wednesday, October 28, 2020, noon (CET) – Friday, October 30, 2020 noon (CET)

##### **Public day**

Friday, October 30, 2020 noon (CET) – Saturday, October 31, 2020 midnight (CET)

### **Upcoming Art Basel shows**

Hong Kong, March 25-27, 2021

Basel, June 17-20, 2021

Miami Beach, December 2-5, 2021

### **Media information online**

Media information and images can be downloaded directly from [artbasel.com/press](http://artbasel.com/press). Journalists can subscribe to our media mailings to receive information on Art Basel.

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