

## Sneak Peek: What to See at The Armory Show 2017

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The Armory Show returns to New York's Piers 92 and 94 in the heart of Midtown Manhattan for its 23<sup>rd</sup> edition in 2017 from March 2-5 with a lineup of 210 galleries from 30 countries across five continents, including 71 new participants.

According to the Executive Director of The Armory Show, Benjamin Genocchio, The Armory Show team has implemented many radical changes and improvements to the show after spending the last year listening to its visitors and gallery clients.

"These are reflected in greatly expanded VIP and visitor services as well as, I am proud to say, the strongest exhibitor list in several years," said Genocchio. "Two new curated sections and an updated floor plan with more spacious aisles and larger booths will make for a better, more enjoyable show."

Consisting of five distinct exhibitor sectors integrating contemporary and modern artworks across both piers, The Armory Show 2017 inaugurates a redesigned floor plan designed by architectural firm Bade Stageberg Cox and featuring wider aisles, larger booths, and expanded public lounges.

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Adding to the main Galleries sector, Presents sector for young galleries, and Insights sector for solo, dual, and thematic presentations, this year's fair introduces two new curated sectors: Focus, curated by Jarrett Gregory, and Platform, curated by Eric Shiner.

The inaugural edition of Focus brings together 12 artists from 10 countries whose work addresses urgent political and social topics. Titled "What Is To Be Done?," the sector will offer presentations described as probing "the relationship between creation and participation."

One of the highlights of this year's fair will be the debut of the Platform sector for large-scale artworks, installations, and site-specific commissions that transcend the traditional booth context. The inaugural edition of Platform, titled "An Incident," will stage 13 artworks across Piers 92 & 94.

The Armory Live series of conversations, panels, and screenings returns in 2017 from March 3-5 with an exciting lineup of 15 internationally celebrated contemporary artists in addition to prominent curators, critics, and collectors from around the world.



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