



December 1-6, 2009 Art Miami Pavilion at Midtown Miami Arts District

Overview: Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Art Mami is the city's oldest fair and it has come a long way since its launch in the late '80s. Hardly a stranger to challenge — it's had to survive recessions, two wars and repudiation from the press — the fair has now come under new ownership, with a new director, Nick Korniloff, at the helm. More than 80 galleries from the United States, Asia, Latin America and Europe, are involved this year, presenting a selection of contemporary and modern art in an 80,000-square-foot parillion.

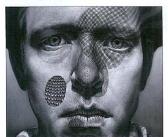
Must-See: Besides the gallery booths, make sure to browse through the special exhibitions, including a large outdoor sculpture by British artist Tony Oragg, a series of video installations curated by Asher Renny Toledo and Julia Draganovic, and select pieces on view from private and public collections.

Gallery Highlights: There are fine selections here of Miami galleries, including Pan American Art Projects, Proxis International Art, Cernuda Arte and Dot Fifty-One, and New York is inevitably heavily represented here as well. International galleries are fewer this year, but do check out the European spaces, such as from Helsinki (Galerie Forsblom), London (Hackelbury Fine Art), and Munich (Renate Bender).

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The Scene: The show launches with a Champagne reception and benefit (\$25 donation) hosted by the Sundari Foundation for the Lotus House Women's Shelter on December 1, followed by the VIP preview with cookfalls and hors d'oeuvres.

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Above: Blob by Tony Oursler, Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki, Left: The All Most by Ian Ingram, from Barry Friedman, Ltd., New York. All on view at Art Miami 2009.