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# THE BEST HOTEL ART FAIR IN THE WORLD!

**AQUA 2011 POISED TO MAKE ANOTHER BIG SPLASH DURING ART BASEL WEEK.**

**DECEMBER 1 - 4, 2011**

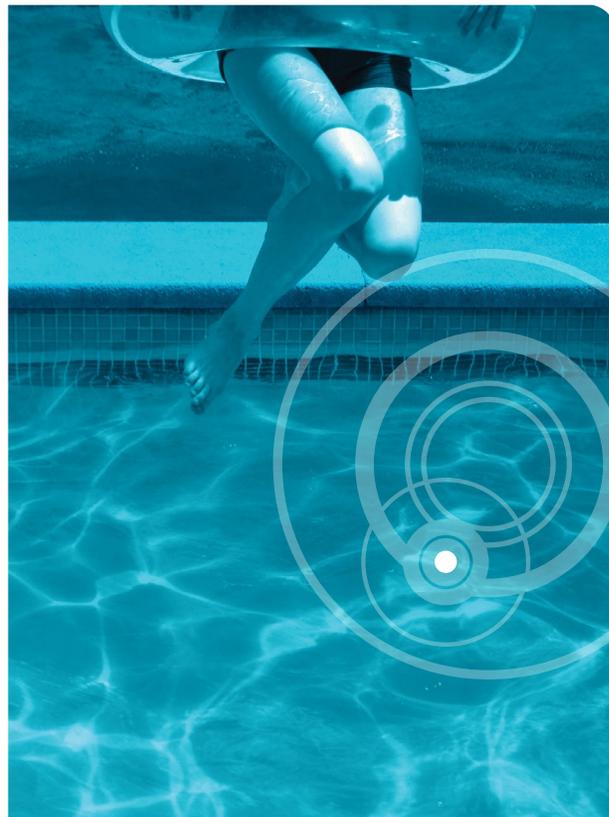
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*VIP Preview Opening*  
**November 30th**

*Public Hours*  
**December 1/2/3: 11am–8pm > December 4: 11am–4pm**

*Admission*  
**General: \$10** (good for re-entry for the duration of the fair)  
**FREE** with Aqua VIP Card, Art Basel VIP Card and Art Basel Press Pass

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## *Full Story*

**Aqua Art Miami is pleased to announce its 7th consecutive installment during Art Basel Week in Miami this December. After last year's successful return to its original location in South Beach and the current upswing in the US art market, the fair's organizers are looking forward to an even stronger event in 2011. With expanded arts programming and the collective exchange of ideas by 45 exhibiting galleries, Aqua 2011 will surely live up to what many in the arts community refer to as "the best hotel art fair in the world."**

Based in Seattle, Aqua Art Miami has a distinctly West Coast character, set off by the balmy indoor/outdoor atmosphere of the Aqua Hotel. Over the years, producing partners Jaq Chartier and Dirk Park have continued seeking out vibrant and noteworthy programs in their region, as well as the greater USA and abroad, with a particular interest in supporting young dealers and galleries with strong emerging and early mid-career artists.

This curatorial commitment is complemented by the unique art fair setting of a classic South Beach hotel with spacious exhibition rooms that open onto a breezy, intimate courtyard. The surroundings have become a favorite gathering spot not only for relaxation during the busy Art Basel Week, but also as a place to exchange and disseminate new contemporary art ideas. And with its close proximity to the main Art Basel fair, Aqua Art Miami has consistently been ranked among the top satellite art events by collectors, artists, curators, critics and the art loving public alike.

This year, visitors to Aqua 2011 will be able to view and/or participate in a uniquely comprehensive arts programming. Some of the special projects and installations will feature a partnership of New Mexico Arts and the Urban Paradise Guild (UPG) of South Florida. Through their TIME Exchange Program, artist Will Wilson from Navajo Nation will guide artists from the

Miccosukee Nation to create an art installation at the Fairchild Botanical Gardens in South Florida and at Aqua Art Miami using Burma Reed, a plant destroying native habitat all over South Florida, including the Everglades. In addition, Montreal gallery Pierre-François Ouellette will feature a special collaboration of artist Adad Hannah with Oscar-winning filmmaker Denys Arcand, originally initiated by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts for the opening of their new Canadian Pavillion. The show will encompass photography and video in an installation inspired by the early XXth Century Viennese play by Arthur Schnitzler entitled *La Ronde*.

Throughout its tenure, Aqua Art Miami has been a great supporter of not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions and collectives. This year is no exception with the return of Seattle's SOIL Gallery and Toronto's Blunt Collective, as well as the debut of Chicago's What It Is Project bringing some alternative points of view to the roster of exhibitors. This dynamic will once again be complemented by the exceptional work of graduating students at New York's School of Visual Arts, and the introduction of the MFA program at Georgia State University's Ernest G. Welch School of Art + Design.

The fair is also thrilled to welcome back many of its veteran art dealers, including Gregory Lind, Eleanor Harwood, G. Gibson, Pentimenti, and Gallery 339; as well as first-time Aqua exhibitors RHV Fine Art from Brooklyn, Porter Contemporary and Lyons Wier Gallery from New York, Prole Drift from Seattle, Froelick Gallery from Portland and Whitespace from Atlanta, among others. A full list of exhibitors will be available in September. For more immediate updates, please refer to Aqua Art Miami's website.

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