

Highlights Of Autumn Art Fair Season In London

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Leonora Carrington, The Dancer (El Bailarín), 2011, rossogranada. Frieze Sculpture 2024. Photo by Linda Ny Lind. Courtesy of Linda Ny Lind/ Frieze. LEONORA CARRINGTON, THE DANCER (EL BAILARÍN), 2011, ROSSOGRANADA. FRIEZE SCULPTURE 2024. PHOTO BY LINDA NYLIND. COURTESY OF LINDA NYLIND/ FRIEZE.

As autumn arrives in London and summer fades into the distance, a host

of art fairs are on the horizon to suit different tastes and budgets. From the O.G. Frieze London where the world's blue chip galleries present their highest-value artists to the artist-fronted The Other Art Fair which offers a more affordable selection and celebrates its 100th edition, the 1-54 fair spotlighting art from Africa and the diaspora to the Women In Art fair redressing the gender imbalance in the art world, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Here's a selection of the art fairs I'm looking forward to:

British Art Fair

Saatchi Gallery (September 26 to 29, 2024)

Modern British and Contemporary Art is the focus of the British Art Fair, which was founded in 1988 and takes over the Saatchi Gallery in Chelsea. British Art Fair kicks off the London art fair autumn season with some of the most recognizable names of British art including David Hockney, Bridget Riley, Frank Auerbach, L.S. Lowry, Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin.

There are also exciting young and emerging artists to be found in the SOLO Contemporary section curated by Xavier Ellis, such as James Vaulkhard at Guerin Projects. “PIVOTAL: Digitalism” will showcase digital art and look out for a special exhibition of pioneering female modernist Wilhelmina Barns-Graham CBE (1912-2004).



James Vaulkhard 'The Dancers II'. Courtesy Guerin Projects and the Artist. JAMES VAULKHARD 'THE DANCERS II'. COURTESY GUERIN PROJECTS AND THE ARTIST.

PAD London

Berkeley Square (October 8 to 13, 2024)

Until PAD London was founded by Parisian antiques dealer Patrick Perrin, design lovers had to travel to the *Jardin des Tuileries* in Paris for the original fair celebrating 20th Century and contemporary design. PAD Paris began in 1998, and since 2007 PAD London has taken over Berkeley Square in Mayfair. The 16th edition of PAD London isn't limited to design, there is also jewelry, ceramics and decorative arts to be found amongst the presentations by 62 galleries from around the world.

I'm looking forward to discovering the work of three Indian design studios including Vikram Goyal's collaboration with Italian collectible

design gallery Nilufar and Dhruv Agarwal's "Bloom" chandelier, as well as a new collection by Korean designer Kyeok Kim, Brazilian Modernist design from Oscar Niemeyer and Juliana Vasconcellos, and Studio Renn's jewelry inspired by natural forms such as Cacti.



Mahog Chair By Juliana Vasconcellos. Courtesy of Brazil Modernist and PAD London MAHOG CHAIR BY JULIANA VASCONCELLOS. COURTESY OF BRAZIL MODERNIST AND PAD LONDON

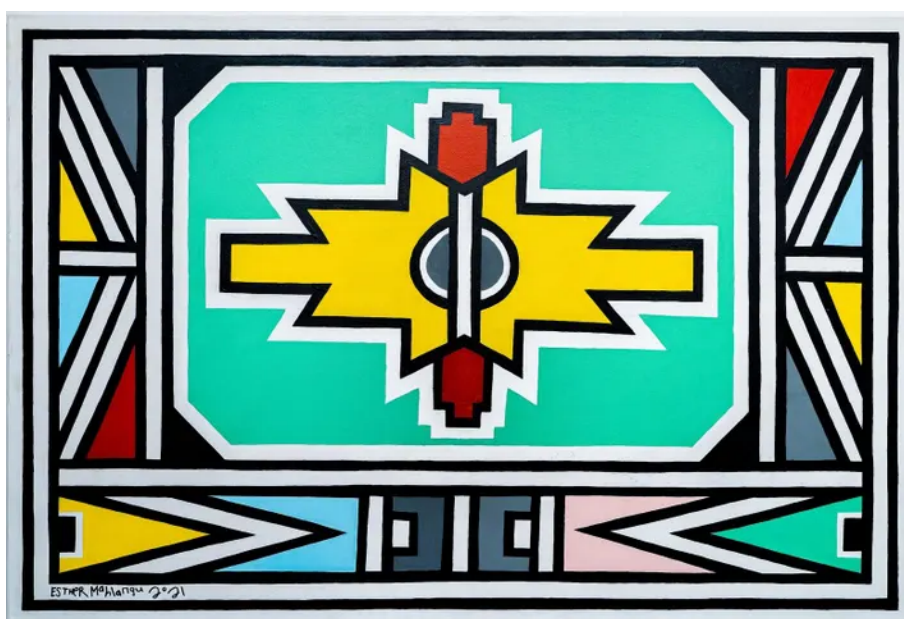
1-54

Somerset House (October 10 to 13, 2024)

Referring to the fifty-four countries constituting the African continent, 1-54 was founded by Touria El-Glaoui and is the only international art fair centered around contemporary art of Africa and its diaspora. 1-54 began

in London and now has three editions annually—in Marrakech, New York and London, as well as Paris and Hong Kong pop-up fairs.

Now in its 12th edition, 1-54 London will include a special spotlight on Ghanaian, Brazilian and Moroccan artists, and a presentation in the special projects section by Oluwole Omofemi, founder of Nigerian artist agency PieceUnique. More than 160 artists representing Africa and the African diaspora will be exhibited including established names Esther Mahlangu, Tuli Mekondjo and Mous Lamrabet, juxtaposed with emerging talents including Freya Bramble-Carter, Layo Bright and Kofi Perry.



Esther Mahlangu, Untitled 2021, Courtesy of 1-54 ESTHER MAHLANGU,
UNTITLED 2021, COURTESY OF 1-54

Frieze London And Frieze Masters

The Regent's Park (October 9 to 13, 2024)

Frieze London's curated section *Artist-to-Artist* will feature solo presentations by Hurvin Anderson, Lubaina Himid, Rashid Johnson, Glenn Ligon, Zineb Sedira and Yinka Shonibare. There is a new themed section curated by Pablo José Ramírez exploring diasporic and indigenous histories through ceramic works. Highlights include Billy Childish painting live at the Lehmann Maupin booth, creating dreamy landscapes evoking Van Gogh, and Paul Anthony Smith's vibrant picotage works at Timothy Taylor.



Billy Childish painting live at the Lehmann Maupin booth at Frieze London. LEE SHARROCK

Over at Frieze Masters Sheena Wagstaff is curating the *Studio* section featuring Isabella Ducrot, Nathalie Du Pasquier, Shirazeh Houshiary and Doris Salcedo. Frieze Masters usually has the feeling of a small museum where you can experience objets d'art, paintings, ancient Asian art, Latin manuscripts, photography and antiquities spanning several centuries under one roof. Some highlights to look forward to include the Spotlight section featuring artists from the 1950s–70s including Judy Chicago and Balraj Khanna, and a journey through almost two centuries of sculptural artistry from Rodin and Degas to Henry Moore and Ossip Zadkine at Bowman Sculpture.



Bowman Sculpture at Frieze Masters. COURTESY BOWMAN SCULPTURE

Frieze Sculpture

The Regent's Park (September 18 to October 27, 2024)

A stroll through the manicured gardens of Regent's Park to experience Frieze Sculpture as the autumn leaves fall from the trees, is a relaxing way to get from Frieze London to Frieze Masters. While tickets for the art fairs are relatively expensive, Frieze Sculpture is a free public art initiative, and is installed in Regent's Park to coincide with Frieze London and Frieze Masters. Now in its 12th year, Frieze Sculpture is curated by Fatoş Üstek and features 22 artists from five continents including a strong showing of women such as Leonora Carrington, Zanele Muholi, Libby Heaney and Anna Boghigian.



Libby Heaney, Ent - (non - earthly delights), 2024. Courtesy Gazelli Art House and the Artist LIBBY HEANEY, ENT - (NON - EARTHLY DELIGHTS), 2024. COURTESY GAZELLI ART HOUSE AND THE ARTIST

The Other Art Fair

The Truman Brewery (October 10 to 13, 2024)

While only those with deep pockets can afford to buy at the luxury art fairs of Mayfair and Regent's Park, it's possible to discover upcoming artists and start off a collection on a smaller budget at The Other Art Fair in London's East End. The Other Art Fair is always a great place to meet unrepresented artists in person and hear about their work.

TOAF's 100th Edition brings together 200 emerging artists with guest artist Dan Hillier, charity partner Choose Love and a special project called SWAG from the iconic British photographer Rankin.



Dame Vivienne Westwood by Rankin @ RANKIN & CO.

Women In Art Fair

Mall Galleries, The Mall, (October 9 to 12, 2024)

Women in Art Fair was founded in 2023 as a response to the gender imbalance in the art world, and foregrounds women artists, curators and gallerists. The 2024 edition will feature 20th and 21st Century female artists. Curator Virginia Damtsa responds to the theme of “Women’s Cycles” with an exhibition of six women artists including Poppy De Havilland, Sofia Laskari and Wen Wu, who are exploring issues of biological, psychological, emotional and psychological cycles.



Wen Wu, Rapunzel I, oil on linen, 30x25cm. Courtesy of Virginia Visual Arts. WEN WU, RAPUNZEL I, OIL ON LINEN, 30X25CM. COURTESY WOMEN IN ART FAIR



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