



The Insider | Katerina Llanes of the Pérez Art Museum Miami on How to Navigate Basel

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A not-for-tourists guide to Art Basel in Miami Beach might sound like an oxymoron. But it's never a bad idea to ask a local for her advice on where to sniff out the best in art and fun. Katerina Llanes is a native Miamian who just moved back to the Magic City after a stint in Los Angeles, where she was a curator for MOCAtv. Her new post is Time-Based Arts Coordinator at the just-opened Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM), which has been playing host to the hordes all week.

My fair so far

“The Pérez Art Museum Miami opened its new Herzog and de Meuron building on Biscayne Bay last night with Night Shade/Solanaceae, an event curated by the artist duo Los Jaichackers. Along with musicians Los Master Plus and Total Freedom, they transformed the wraparound outdoor terrace with an ice wall of speakers with embedded fruit and three hypnotic video projections. It's a museum on stilts on the water ensconced in hanging garden, and it's bound to change the landscape of Miami's contemporary art scene.”

How to counter fair fatigue

“Find the island oasis made by artists and Bas Fisher Invitational founders (one of the most interesting local nonprofit galleries) Jim Drain and Naomi Fisher. It's a tropical bar in the maze of Art Basel in Miami Beach, complete with chilled coconuts and performance art.”

The coolest people this year

“All things Dis Magazine — especially the pregnancy-test cutout photo booth that was at Art in America's party for the Rob Pruett Art Awards on Tuesday.”

Favorite works for sale

“Alisa Baremboym's crushed conveyor belt sculptures at the 47 Canal booth at Art Basel were the highlight of the fair for me. The titles are modeled after imagined solutions companies: 'Globility Systems,' 'Modulism Systems,' 'Adaptic Systems' and so on.”

How to avoid iPad check-ins and velvet ropes

“Go to the Nada Art Fair's after-party at Sandbar on Saturday! It's by Fade to Mind, a collective of artist-D.J.-producers based in L.A. who play mind-bending experimental dance music.”