

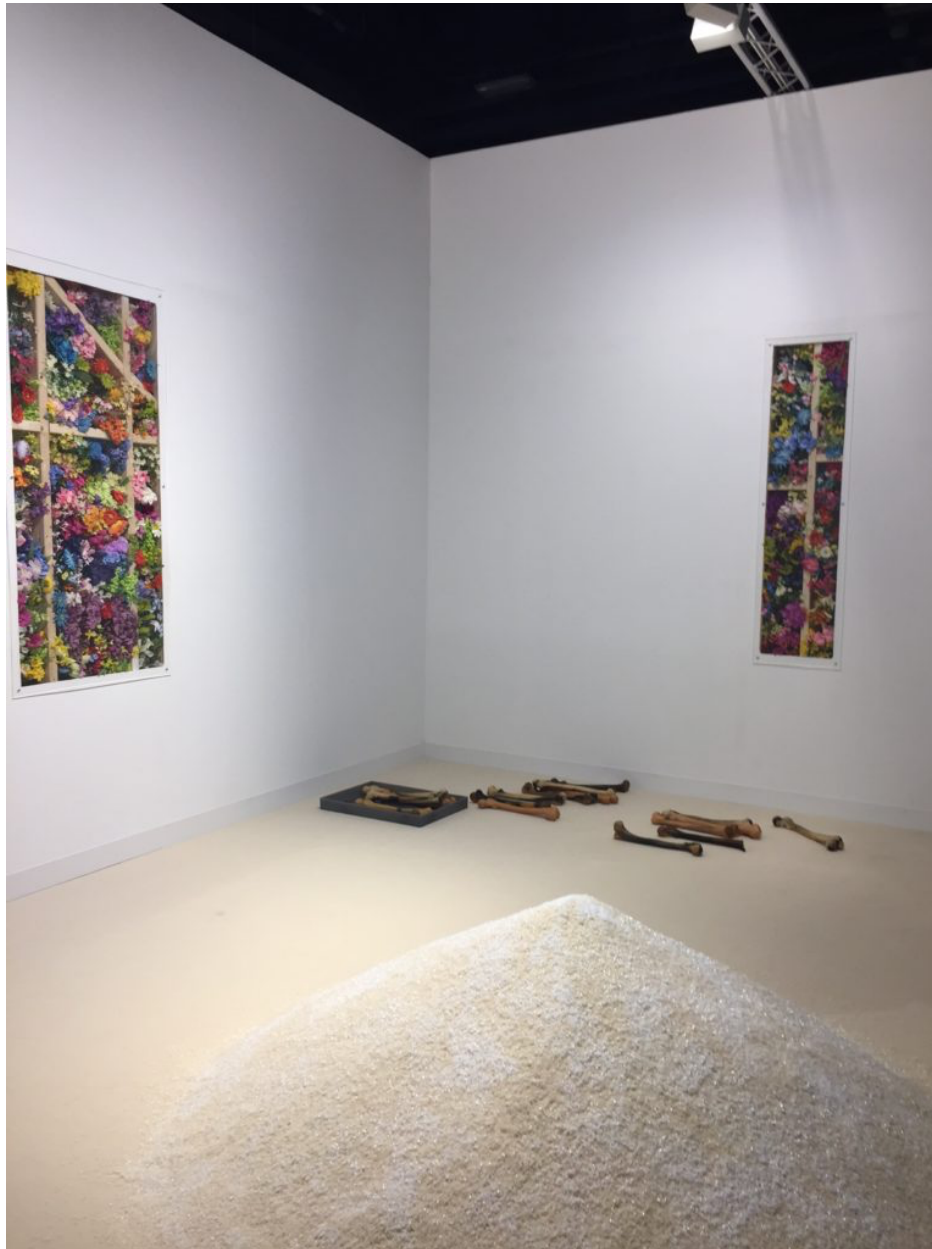
See the 10 Most Exciting Artists in the United States Today

Here's what to look out for in 2017.

Eileen Kinsella, December 14, 2016

It's that time of the year when we pause to take stock of the artists that caught our eye in 2016, while also looking ahead at the packed roster of exciting museum and gallery exhibitions in the months to come across the United States. There is no shortage of dynamic artists to pay attention to right now, and that's a great thing, given the somber mood after a bruising, unprecedented presidential election.

With this in mind, artnet News brings you our picks for some of the most vibrant, exciting artists at work from coast to coast.



Installation of Amy Yao at Various Small Fires Gallery in the "Positions" section of Art Basel in Miami Beach. Photo by Eileen Kinsella

8. Amy Yao (b. Los Angeles. Lives and works in New York.)

Another standout in the “Positions” section of [Art Basel in Miami Beach](#) was the booth of always cutting-edge Los Angeles gallery Various Small Fires, which chose to highlight work by Amy Yao. The artist focuses on tragedies surrounding manufacturing, contamination, and environmental racism. A large pile on the floor, titled *Doppelgänger II* (2016) references an incident in China where consumers were sold a mixture of rice mixed with other materials—including PVC plastics—for consumption.

In the coming year, Yao will have solo shows at 47 Canal in New York, and at Édouard Montassut in Paris, and will also be part of a group show at the Musée D’Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris.