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Art Brussels launches Art Antwerp



From Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 December 2021



Art Brussels announces the launch of a new fair in Antwerp, Art Antwerp, a contemporary art fair of 59 galleries, taking place from Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 December 2021 at Antwerp Expo.

After a long period in which no events could take place because of the pandemic, art fairs are again popping up in many cities around the world and art lovers are extremely keen to visit, engage with art and to meet the art community. From this point of departure and to support the art market, Art Brussels is launching Art Antwerp, which is already enthusiastically welcomed among contemporary art professionals.

Given the current circumstances, the fair will be organised on a smaller scale with galleries hailing from Belgium and its bordering countries.

It is no coincidence that the city of Antwerp has been chosen. Antwerp is internationally known as a vibrant city that is home to some of Belgium's most prominent museums and counts numerous

galleries. It is also a melting pot of young and established artists as well as a hotspot for foodies, cutting-edge fashion lovers and all kinds of creative talent.

Anne Vierstraete, managing director and Nele Verhaeren, co-director: *"We look forward to welcoming galleries and collectors under one roof again during four days. This small-scale fair consists of 59 galleries that are locally embedded alongside a number of strong international players. 30% of these players comes from abroad; more specifically they are based in the neighbouring countries. We notice that there's an increasing need for qualitative face-to-face meetings in the art world and Art Antwerp offers the ideal format while ensuring maximum security. Art Antwerp will be hybrid; together with Artsy we will ensure also a strong online offer. The launch of Art Antwerp is challenging but utterly exciting and we are immensely happy to have the opportunity to bring together our loyal art community before the end of this year, and the upcoming Art Brussels edition in 2022."*

Hosting Committee

The fair is working with a Hosting Committee, drawn from the Belgian members of the Art Brussels international committee, whose role continues to be the selection of the participating galleries “upon invitation”, ensuring the same high quality of exhibitors that Art Brussels is known for.

The Hosting Committee members are:

Michael Callies (from **dépendance**, Brussels), Rodolphe Janssen (from **rodolphe janssen**, Brussels) and Nina Hendrickx (from **Zeno X**, Antwerp).

The members of the Hosting Committee state: *“We are happy with this new initiative being organised under the helm of Art Brussels. As there has been no international contemporary art fair in Belgium since Art Brussels in April 2019, it becomes essential to gather together with our peers and with collectors and art lovers on a larger scale, in Belgium. Art Antwerp represents a perfect opportunity as a strong fair and the invitational process allows us to ensure quality within a balanced selection of galleries according to their profile and provenance.”*

The list of galleries for Art Antwerp comprises:

Ballon Rouge Collective Brussels | **Baronian Xippas** Brussels | **Base-Alpha** Antwerp | **Bernier/Eliades** Athens, Brussels | **C L E A R I N G** Beverly Hills, Brussels, New York | **Campoli Presti** London, Paris | **Clages** Cologne | **De Brock** Knokke | **Kristof De Clercq** Ghent | **dépendance** Brussels | **DMW Gallery** Antwerp | **Dürst Britt & Mayhew** The Hague | **Dvir** Brussels, Tel Aviv | **Everyday Gallery** Antwerp | **gallery FIFTY ONE** Antwerp | **Thomas Fischer** Berlin | **FRED&FERRY** Antwerp | **Annie Gentils** Antwerp | **Geukens & De Vil** Antwerp, Knokke | **Laurent Godin** Paris | **Hopstreet** Brussels, Deurle | **Michael Janssen** Berlin | **rodolphe janssen** Brussels | **KETELEER** Antwerp, Brasschaat, Otegem | **Parisa Kind** Frankfurt | **Irène Laub** Brussels | **Lelong & Co.** New York, Paris | **Harlan Levey Projects** Brussels | **Galerie Ron Mandos** Amsterdam | **Jaqueline Martins** Brussels, São Paulo | **MARUANI MERCIER** Brussels, Knokke, Zaventem | **Greta Meert** Brussels | **Meessen De Clercq** Brussels | **Kamel Mennour** London, Paris | **Nino Mier** Brussels, Cologne, Los Angeles, Marfa | **Nagel Draxler** Berlin, Cologne, Munich | **Nosbaum Reding** Brussels, Luxembourg | **Nathalie Obadia** Brussels, Paris | **PLUS-ONE** Antwerp | **QG GALLERY** Knokke | **Rossicontemporary** Brussels | **Semiose** Paris | **Sies + Höke** Düsseldorf | **Sorry We're Closed** Brussels | **Stems Gallery** Brussels | **Super Dakota** Brussels | **Templon** Brussels, Paris | **Galerie Elisabeth & Klaus Thoman** Innsbruck, Vienna | **Transit** Mechelen | **valerie_traan** Antwerp | **Sofie Van de Velde** Antwerp | **Tim Van Laere** Antwerp | **Maurice Verbaet** Knokke | **Nadja Vilenne** Liège | **Philipp von Rosen** Cologne | **Fons Welters** Amsterdam | **Barbara Wien** Berlin | **Zeno X** Antwerp | **De Zwarte Panter** Antwerp

COVID-19 safety

Easyfairs, the company to which both Art Brussels and Art Antwerp belong, is an international leading company in the exhibition sector. During the pandemic, Easyfairs has invested heavily in safety procedures so that fairs can be organised in the safest way. To this end, it

entered into a partnership with SGS, an international leader in compliance. SGS will ensure that all safety and hygiene measures are observed during Art Antwerp.

Image Caption: Nele Verhaeren (left) and Anne Vierstraete (right), directors of both Art Brussels and Art Antwerp, in the hall of Antwerp Expo.

Notes to Editors

Dates

Art Antwerp takes place from Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 December 2021

Opening day:

Thursday 16 December : Preview from 10am to 4pm, and Vernissage from 4pm to 8pm

Public opening days:

Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December from 11am to 7pm

Venue

Antwerp Expo, Jan van Rijswijcklaan 191, 2020 Antwerp, Belgium

The venue Antwerp Expo is ideally located close to the highways from and to Brussels and the West-Flanders region, and the Netherlands. The city is also easily reachable by train (Thalys stop on the way to and from Paris/Amsterdam).

Tickets: www.art-antwerp.com (Online registration mandatory – Online ticket purchase as from 2 November 2021)

OVR on Artsy: from 14 December to 22 December 2021

Instagram [@artantwerp](https://www.instagram.com/artantwerp/) / [@artbrussels](https://www.instagram.com/artbrussels/)

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We look forward to welcoming you to Art Antwerp 2021!

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