



15 New Dealers to Watch at Art Basel in Miami Beach

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Next week, collectors, curators, and artists from around the world will convene for the 15th edition of Art Basel in Miami Beach. Of the 269 dealers from 29 countries selected to participate this year, 21 are first-time exhibitors. They hail from both established and up-and-coming art world capitals—Mexico City, Hong Kong, and Brussels among them—and anticipate new international exposure for their artists, many of whom are young and emerging, or historically overlooked. Below, we highlight the 15 most exciting new additions. With the exception of two galleries established in the 1980s, all were founded within the last decade—from the socially engaged West Coast gallery Various Small Fires to the cross-disciplinary Shanghai arts space Leo Xu Projects.

JTT

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Positions Sector, Booth P6

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Becky Kolsrud

Though JTT opened its brick-and-mortar space in spring 2012, its roots stretch back to the early 2000s, when a community of artists befriended each other while attending art school at NYU—the same artists who now represent over a third of director Jasmin Tsou's program. "Having that core of friends at the very start set a tone as to how I relate as a dealer to all of the artists that have joined the program over the past four years," she said. "In the current state of the art market, having a dealer-to-artist relationship founded on trust and communication is essential." JTT's roster includes some of contemporary art's most



Photo of Jasmin Tsou, with work by Diane Simpson, courtesy of JTT.

exciting young names, including Cole Sayer, Jamian Juliano-Villani, and Anna-Sophie Berger. “I give JTT great respect for being able to spot talents across generations, yet still having a focused, progressive and cohesive program,” said collector and M Woods co-founder Michael Xufu Huang.



Becky Kolsrud, *Double Portrait (Hiding)*, 2016. Courtesy of JTT.



Becky Kolsrud, *Double Portrait (Pink Hands)*, 2016. Courtesy of JTT.



Becky Kolsrud, *Double Portrait (Moon)*, 2016. Courtesy of JTT.

In the fair's Positions sector, JTT will present a solo booth by L.A.-based figurative painter Becky Kolsrud. Depicting what she calls “invisible women,” Kolsrud makes portraits of women featured on advertisements and shop signs, and often obscures her subjects behind a metal security gate. On the significance of the gallery's Art Basel in Miami Beach debut, Tsou noted that “Becky's work in particular is in dialogue with painters from the 20th century such as David Hockney, Sigmar Polke, Martin Wong, Joan Brown and Francis Picabia. I would say my biggest hope from the fair is for Becky to be seen in company with those who have influenced her.”



Becky Kolsrud, *Gymnasts with Security Gate*, 2016. Courtesy of JTT.