

What to see at the London Art Fair 2017

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Britain's largest fair for Modern British and contemporary art opens on 18 January. Spread over four floors and hundreds of galleries, there's a lot to take in. To help you out when looking around, we've picked five must-see exhibits.

1. Ten Years: A Century of Art

This year, the fair partners with The Lightbox in Woking, which is marking its 10th anniversary. Its display in the pavilion entrance features a diverse collection of 20th century works from the Ingram Collection, spanning a period rich in artistic innovation and discovery. It includes key works by major artists such as Elisabeth Frink, Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, Barbara Hepworth, Ben Nicholson and Eric Ravilious.

2. Dialogues curated by Miguel Amado

Brought together by Miguel Amado, senior curator at Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (mima), this ambitious showcase of works by artists from across the world addresses issues of history, race, collectivity, the imagination, representation and subjectivity. Highlights include a radio-inspired sound-art work by Graham Fagen, and selected works from Zimbabwe's first independent, contemporary artist-led gallery, that reveal a glimpse of contemporary urban Africa.

3. Stranger Collaborations

Curated by Pryle Behrman, this exhibition features works produced through online collaborations. It includes the debut of Liz Sterry's photographic series *Drinking Alone with the Internet*, which documents a succession of online performances in which she put out an open call for people online to join her in dressing and drinking like a Star Wars character, creating a virtual party in which everyone is both together but very much alone.

4. Photo50: Gravitas

This group exhibition of lens-based works is curated by Christiane Monarchi, founding editor of Photomonitor. It is inspired by the Latin word denoting 'depth of character' or 'solemnity', and associated with the transition from childhood to adult life in ancient Rome. The 50 works presented provide a window into the world of adults-in-waiting, framing fleeting moments in their development between childhood and maturity with lived experience and memory.

5. Lego Sculptures

Finally, keep an eye out for the Lego street art sculptures by contemporary Korean artist Jaye Moon. Installed by the Hanmi Gallery, these will be dotted at locations across the fair.

The [London Art Fair](#) is being held at the Business Design Centre in Islington from 18–22 January 2017. [National Art Pass](#) holders will receive a [25% discount off entry price at the door](#) (a saving of £5.50).

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