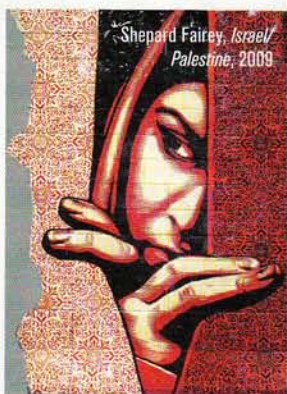


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L.A. Art Show

For its 15th year, the **L.A. Art Show** is launching an ambitious new program of curated exhibitions from around the globe. West Coasters will get a sneak preview of *Signs: Seven Renowned Artists from the Middle East*, a show that will be unveiled in its entirety at New York's Guggenheim Museum in three years. The exhibit highlights the use of the written word in the region's artwork, a technique that, L.A. Art Show director Kim Martindale points out, is also favored by L.A. artists like Ed Ruscha. Uruguay is holding court as the fair's inaugural "guest country"—an honor that's resulted in an exhibition of its standout contemporary artists. Associate MOCA curator Bennett Simpson has culled pieces from our city's next big art stars (otherwise known as local MFA students), while work from L.A.'s 24 sister cities will also be coming to the fair for the first time. Even so, with 130 galleries and 15,000 works heading in for this year's event, it's not like the West Coast's biggest art fair was ever lacking international cred. **January 21-24.** Tickets \$20. Thurs.-Sat., 11AM-8PM. Sun., 11AM-5PM. *At the Los Angeles Convention Center, West Hall A, 1201 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 310.822.9145 or laartshow.com.*