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LA Art Show News

LA Art Show 2023 More Global than Ever, Draws Unprecedented Crowds of Art Lovers & Advances the Dialogue on Climate Change

The LA Art Show wrapped up its 28th edition on Sunday with a splash, after attracting enthusiastic crowds of art lovers to the LA Convention Center for the five-day event, February 15 to 19, 2023. We're thrilled that some 60,000 people attended the Show.

Under the leadership of LA Art Show producer / director Kassandra Voyagis, LA's largest and longest-running art fair showcased a larger global profile than ever before, with the launch of our Japanese Pavilion in addition to our returning European Pavilion, as well as the inclusion of 15 Korean galleries, celebrated with a special reception for Korean dignitaries on Opening night.

"I spent much of 2022 traveling to scout international participants and it was inspiring to see attendees blown away by the scope of the work represented at this year's show," said Voyagis. "It was an honor to help bring it all together and we will continue to expand our international presence."

The event kicked off with a dazzling VIP Opening Night Premiere, a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, hosted by actor, singer Ashley Tisdale. We're honored St. Jude returned for the ninth year as our exclusive charity partner. St. Jude receives 15 percent of LA Art Show ticket proceeds.

Photo: Actor, singer Ashley Tisdale with Producer / Director of LA Art Show, Kassandra Voyagis.



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The international theme also helped propel the vision behind our DIVERSEartLA program curated by Marisa Caichiolo. A growing emphasis of the LA Art Show, our non-commercial exhibition program, DIVERSEartLA 2023, was a compelling experiential foray into the global climate crisis, involving the participation of international museums, art organizations and artists. Visitors enjoyed nine large scale immersive installations, including Carmen Isasi's gripping project, Uninhabited, presented by LA NEOMUDEJAR Museum, Spain, and curated by Néstor Prieto. The installation addresses water issues in connection with the tragic plight of immigrants who embark on dangerous sea journeys seeking to reach European shores.





Above Images: Carmen Isasi: Uninhabited, presented by LA NEOMUDEJAR Museum, Spain, and curated by Néstor Prieto.

Also featured as part of DIVERSEartLA 2023, the Italian Cultural Institute presented the project: Il Giardino Planetario (The Planetary Garden).



Il Giardino Planetario (The Planetary Garden) by artist Pietro Ruffo in collaboration with Noruwei presented by The Italian Cultural Institute Los Angeles.



Francisco Brives, Director La Neomudejar Museum, Steve Diament, Director Arcadia Gallery, Marisa Caichiolo DIVERSEartLA Curator, Kassandra Voyagis, LA Art Show Producer/Director, Nestor Prieto, Director La Neomudejar Museum at the inaugural DIVERSEartLA Museum Acquisition Award presentation.

The LA Art Show 2023 ended with a special presentation of the inaugural DIVERSEartLA Museum Acquisition Award. Created and chosen by Spain's La Neomudejar Museum, the award was presented to artist Hogan Brown of Arcadia Contemporary. Brown's work will now be part of the Museum's collection.

DIVERSEartLA is a grand vision, involving the collaboration of international art museums, art organizations and artists. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to producing the nine DIVERSEartLA 2023 projects. More about DIVERSEartLA <u>here</u>.

We deeply appreciate the return of our corporate sponsor, Citibank, with its wonderful live curated gallery exhibition of contemporary art in the Citi space on the LA Art Show Floor. During the fair, Citibank also presented a series of compelling Gallerist talks featuring domestic and international exhibiting galleries, K+Y Contemporary, Markowicz Fine Art, Bruce Lurie Gallery and Fabrik Projects, Video presentations of the Gallerist Talks are accessible for viewing online now on the Citi page of the LA Art Show website.



The Citi space on the LA Art Show Floor

Highlights:

Visitors gathered to see LA artist Robert Vargas live painting a powerful mural as part of his series, The sacRED Project. "Protect The Life Givers." The third in a three-city series – Albuquerque, New York City and now Los Angeles – the mural addresses the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the #MMIW movement.



A crowd favorite, Lorenzo Marini: Raintype, presented by Bruce Lurie Gallery, is an immersive installation inspired by a rainy day. Raindrops are represented by colorful suspended letters that never touch ground, but remain in the world of ideas, of the possible – the potential.



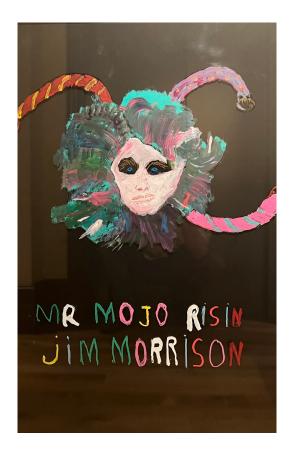
First-time exhibitor Markowicz Fine Art showcased pioneering artist Carole Feuerman's hyper-realistic sculpture of a swimmer, "Bibi on the Ball," capturing the attention of visitors and the local networks.



Artist MARCK's "GEGENSTROM XXL," presented by Licht Feld Gallery, portrayed a woman trapped in a box filled with water, searching for a way out, seemingly unaffected by the hopelessness of her situation yet never losing faith. The power of MARCK's work is enhanced by his choice of materials, transforming an ordinary appliance into a stunning video sculpture.

Song-Word Art House's exhibit, based on the song "LA Woman" by The Doors, featured an original artwork by legendary guitarist Robby Krieger inspired by the mysterious words, "MR MOJO RISIN," also an anagram of the name, "Jim Morrison."





Ramona Otto's Holy Cow: Pray For Peaceful Coexistence, presented by bG Gallery, made its debut at the Show. A call for peace in a divisive world, Holy Cow combines thousands of religious artifacts from major religious groups, human rights leaders and iconic peace symbolism.



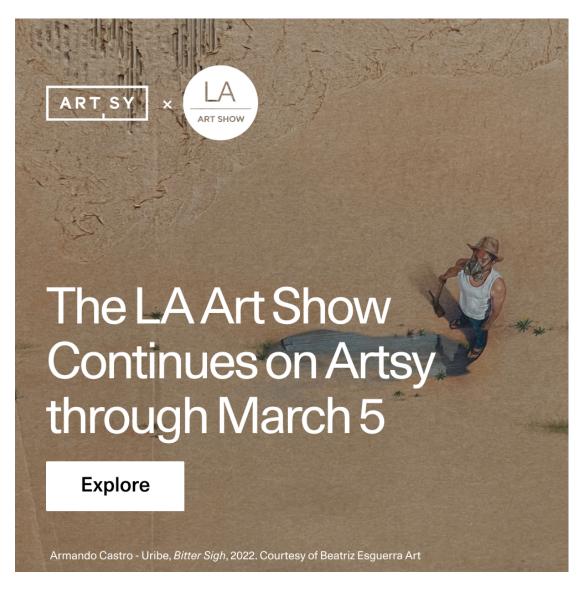
Save the Dates! The LA Art Show returns February 14-18, 2024!

Join us when the LA Art Show comes back to the LA Convention Center, February 14-18, 2024. Visit: <u>www.laartshow.com</u>

The LA Art Show Continues on Artsy through March 5!

Couldn't make it to the show, or can't stop thinking about a special artwork you discovered while you were there? Browse and buy artworks from LA Art Show via <u>Artsy</u>, the world's most trusted art marketplace. Explore the fair by gallery or artwork, and use Artsy's AR tools to preview artworks in your home.

The LA Art Show on Artsy features galleries, artists, and artworks from the most comprehensive international contemporary art show in America. Visit the fair on desktop, mobile or the Artsy app until March 5.



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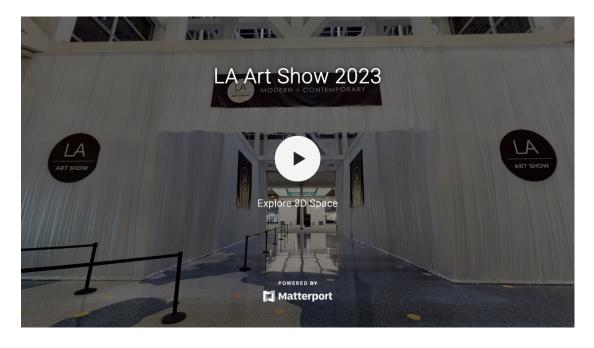
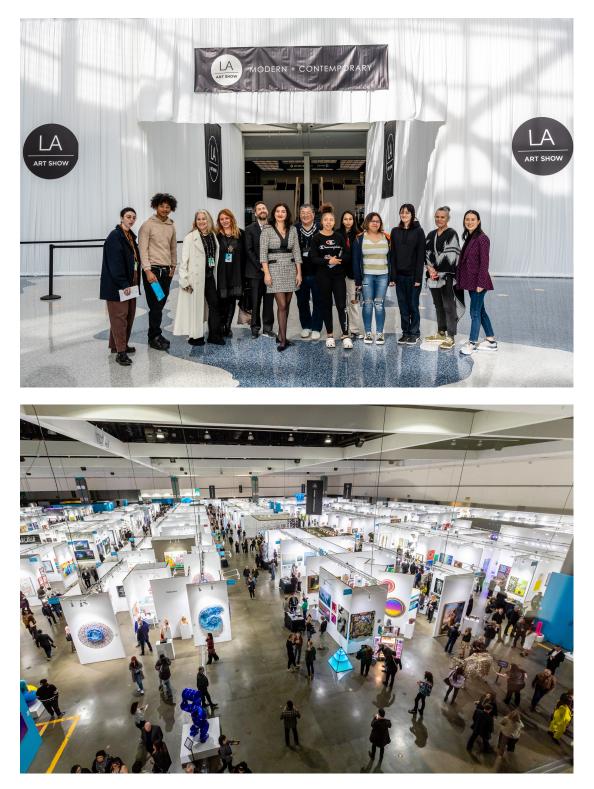


Photo Highlights from the 2023 LA Art Show





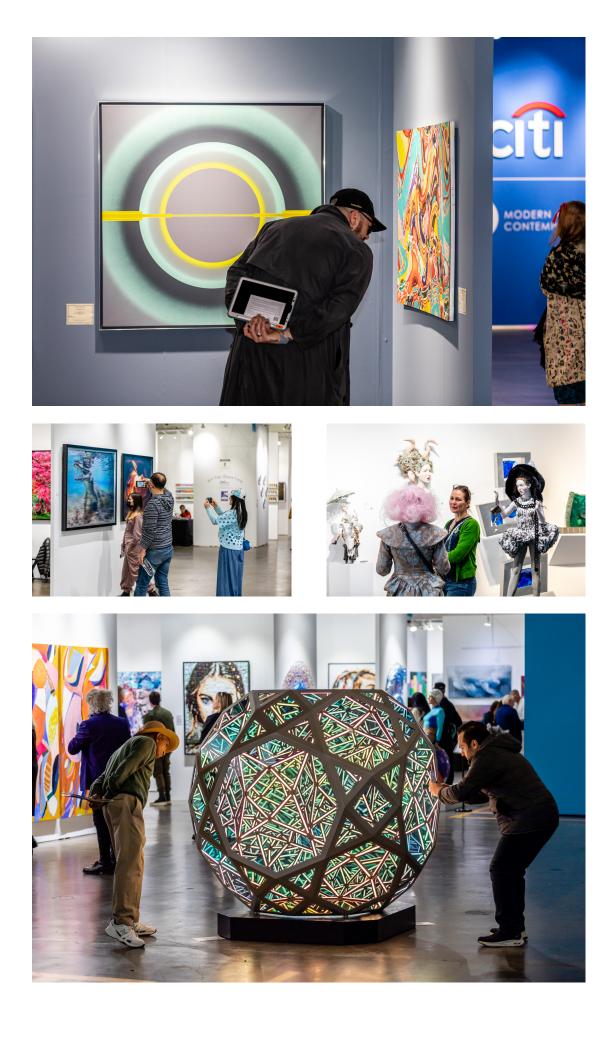


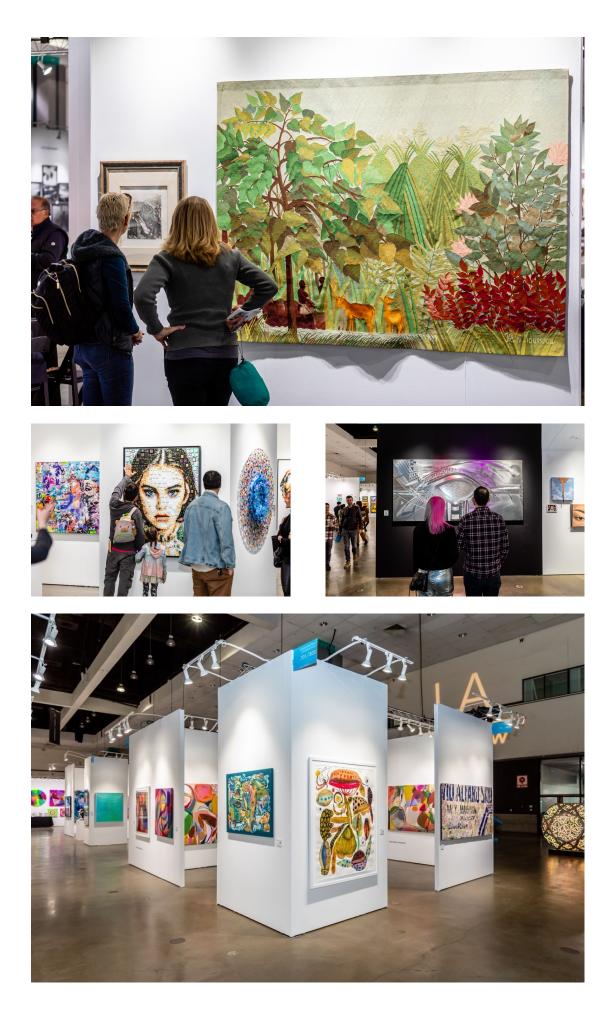








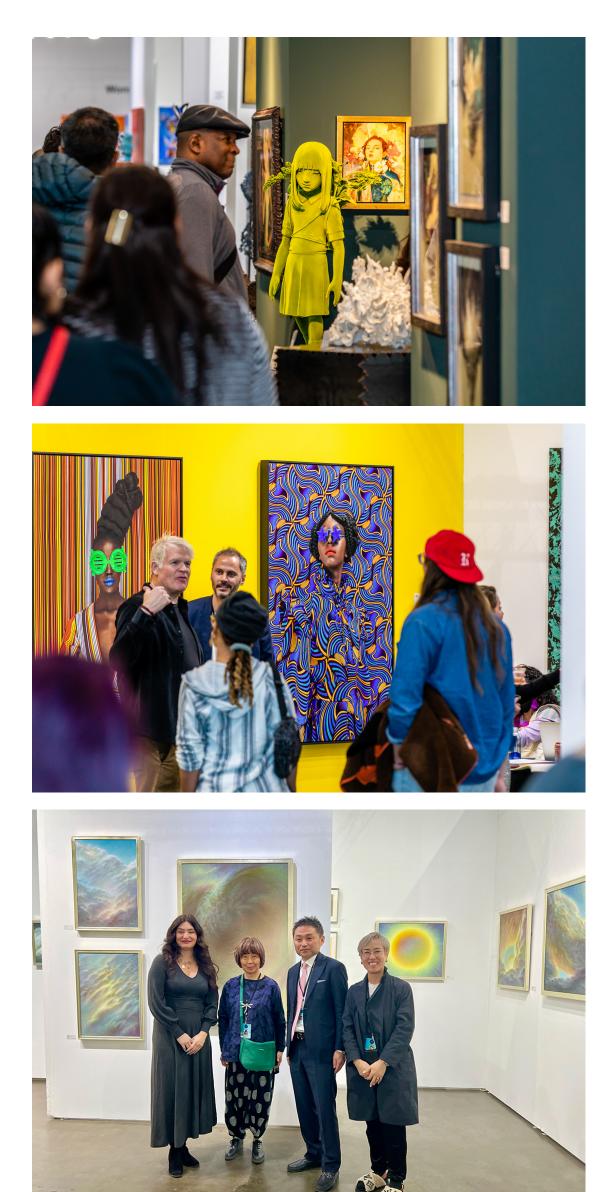












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