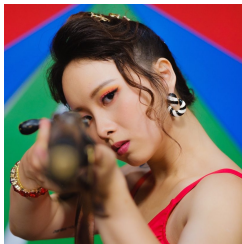

This Month in the Art World by Artsa Consultancy

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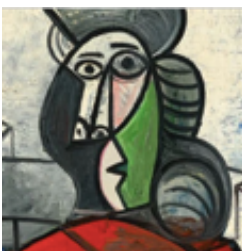
Magritte Work with Dark WWII Ties Heads to Auction

Sotheby's will sell *La Magie Noire* (1934), a surrealist painting long held by the family of WWII resistance fighter Suzanne Spaak, now estimated at €7 million. Spaak, executed by the Nazis for aiding Jewish children, had been connected to the work's acquisition decades ago, lending the sale a deeply personal historical resonance.



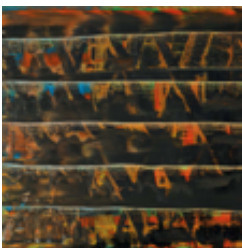
October 2025: 10 Global Exhibitions to Watch

This October, the art world pulses with premieres—from Alexandra Bachzetsis's boundary-pushing solo *RUSH(ES)* in London to Meriem Bennani's kinetic installation *Sole Crushing* in Paris. Guan Xiao's *TEENAGER* opens in Vienna, while Jakarta hosts *RURU25: Poros Lumbung*. Los Angeles sees the return of *Made in LA 2025*, and Tunis presents *Dream City Festival: Fragments of an Unfinished World*, challenging states of crisis and creativity.



Picasso Sets New Asia Auction Record in Hong Kong

At Christie's 20th/21st Century Evening Sale in Hong Kong, Picasso's *Buste de femme* (1944) sold for HK\$196.75 million (≈ US\$25.4 million), breaking the artist's auction record in Asia. The sale, which totaled HK\$565.65 million, confirmed strong buyer appetite despite softer overall market dynamics.



Highlights of Art Basel Paris 2025

Art Basel Paris returns to the Grand Palais from October 16—19, 2025, bringing together 194 leading galleries from 42 countries. The fair will highlight both established and emerging artists across sectors such as Galleries, Galleries Émergentes, and Premise, emphasizing curatorial innovation and cross-disciplinary dialogue. With Paris reaffirming its role as a global art capital, this edition promises a vibrant convergence of contemporary perspectives and cultural exchange.



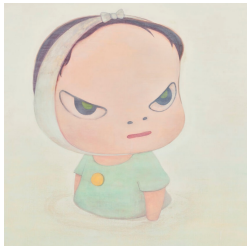
5 Photography Shows to Catch in New York This Fall

This season, New York's photography scene is electric, with shows spotlighting Ricky Powell's 1980s street life, David Wojnarowicz's masked urban interventions, and Robert Rauschenberg's photographic vision in *Pictures from the Real World*. MoMA's *New Photography 2025* rounds out the selection, charting fresh trends in image making.



Art Basel Taps Carly Murphy as Global Head of Collector & Institutional Relations

Art Basel has appointed Carly Murphy—formerly Christie's SVP and head of client strategy for the Americas—to a newly created global role aiming to deepen ties with collectors, museums, and institutions. She starts later this month and will report to Vincenzo de Bellis, Art Basel's Chief Artistic Officer. The move comes as fair-organizers seek stronger engagement amid shifting art market dynamics.



Nara's *Haze Days* (1998) Headlines Christie's London Evening Sale

Christie's will offer Yoshitomo Nara's rare 5×6-ft canvas *Haze Days* on October 15, with a presale estimate of £6.5—8.5 million (≈ \$8.7—11.4 million). One of only 22 large-scale works he produced between 1996 and 2000, the painting shows a lone child staring defiantly, embodying Nara's tension between innocence and introspection. The appearance on the market follows his recent UK retrospective and marks a significant moment for the artist's secondary market.



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