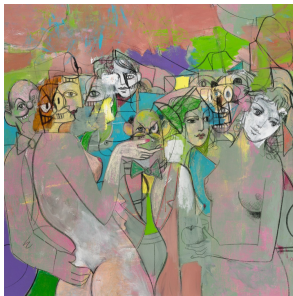




This Month in the Art World by Artsa Consultancy

Welcome to our monthly art newsletter, where we bring you the latest updates, news, and trends from the world of art. From contemporary to classical, our newsletter covers a wide range of art forms, including painting, sculpture, photography, installations, and more.



Major Museum Moments 2025–26

A slate of museum retrospectives and landmark shows highlights nine influential artists this year and next — from John Singer Sargent's Paris survey, to Joan Mitchell's centennial celebrations, and Kerry James Marshall's large-scale retrospective. Others include Alexander Calder, Beauford Delaney, Man Ray and Cecily Brown — each enjoying significant institutional focus. These exhibitions underscore how the museum year is both reflecting art-historical depth and spotlighting contemporary relevance.



November Art Fair Highlights

November delivers a dispersed global art-fair circuit across Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Highlights include Artissima in Turin, Art Cologne in Germany, ART X Lagos in West Africa, The Other Art Fair Brooklyn in the US and Affordable Art Fair Sydney. In New York, Salon Art + Design returns, while Paris Photo anchors the Paris leg. Other important fairs span London's Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair, West Bund Art & Design in Shanghai and Art Collaboration Kyoto. The Gulf region is also notable, with Abu Dhabi Art expanding into 2026's transition to Frieze Abu Dhabi and NOMAD's debut, followed by Umbrella Art Fair in Washington, D.C. and Tokyo International Art Fair.



Cattelan's Gold Toilet at Auction

Maurizio Cattelan's *America*—his notorious 18-karat gold toilet first shown at the Guggenheim and later stolen from Blenheim Palace—will appear at Sotheby's in an edition coming to auction. Long framed as a contemporary heir to Duchamp's *Fountain*, the fully functional sculpture now arrives at auction as both conceptual provocation and material store of value, amid rising global gold demand and a potential record-setting moment for the artist.



Global Collecting Insights

The latest Art Basel & UBS survey of high-net-worth collectors finds that in 2025 the average share of wealth directed into art rose to 20% (from 15% in 2024). Female collectors increased their spending levels and younger buyers showed broader collecting habits. While digital channels continue to support research and access, fairs remain the primary locus for discovery and acquisition.



Dubai Unveils Plans for Its First Dedicated Art Museum

Dubai has revealed plans for the Dubai Museum of Art, designed by Tadao Ando and set to rise above Dubai Creek as a new cultural landmark. Backed by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and developed by Al-Futtaim Group, the museum will feature modern and contemporary art spaces, marking a milestone in the city's growing global art presence.



Art Basel Paris Appoints Karim Crippa as Director

Art Basel has appointed Karim Crippa, its communications lead and senior editor, as the next director of Art Basel Paris, succeeding Clément Delépine. Crippa assumed the role on November 1, 2025.



Picasso's Rare Drawings Unveiled in Free Paris Exhibition

An exhibition in Paris showcases 100 rare drawings by Pablo Picasso, offering visitors a unique glimpse into lesser-seen works of the master artist. Free admission makes this a rare opportunity to explore edge pieces from his expansive drawing practice and dive into his creative process.



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