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Beirut Art Week marathon begins



Summary

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The 16-stop off-site program stages sculptures, photos and paintings in shop windows and on sidewalks. A map has been provided to allow viewers to plan their own journeys – whether you prefer a one-trip round of all stops, or a week of abrupt encounters.

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A few eye-catching installations include "Rhino Monumentale" by Stefano Bombardieri, a large suspended bronze rhino at the entrance to Beirut Souks, and "Sirens – Uniting Oceans" by Mexican artist Bibiana Domit, which USC Gallery Miami commissioned especially for Beirut Art Week. The art walk also includes a number of exhibition and showroom openings as stops.

"Obsessions," a photo and video exhibition by Franco-Lebanese film director, producer and photographer Philippe Aractingi will be on display at 3BEIRUT for the week.

Across from 3BEIRUT, the pop-up store Pik'd is being launched with Beirut Art Week, to act as a showroom for unique pieces by ceramists from all around the world. This show will remain up until Sept 28.

"Building with Fire," an exhibition of paintings and objects by Jean Boghossian, will be shown in the old L'Orient-Le Jour building, by Beirut Souks, until Oct. 28. Revisiting the project first shown in "Between Two Fires" – Boghossian's 2016 solo at the now-extinct Beirut Exhibition Center – and curated by Bruno Cora, the director of Italy's Fondazione Burri, "Building with Fire" presents burnt and smoke-formed works.

Arthaus Gemmayzeh, a new branch of Arthaus International's artistic guesthouses by Nabil and Zoe Debs, will be launched with an exhibition of contemporary art from Cuba, Venezuela and Chile, alongside local designers. It's up through Sept. 21.

Throughout the week the Elie Saab store will be showing an exhibition dedicated to the Franco-German photographer Cathleen Naundorf, who created snaps throughout their collaboration in Paris for Saab's 2011 haute couture collection.

For more info and the map, visit beirut-art-fair.com/beirut-art-week.html.

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