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## International Contemporary Art Fair of Barcelona

The 17th edition of Swab Barcelona focuses on the emerging East Asian art scene and shows the latest trends in international contemporary art with a selection of 70 galleries

>> The **Barcelona International Contemporary Art Fair**, which will hold its **17th edition from October 3rd to 6th**, announces the **70 galleries** that will take part in this year's edition, **23 national and 47 from 20 countries** around the world, presenting works by over **200 artists**.

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- Swab 2024 will focus on the **effervescent art scene in East Asia**, with the city of **Taipei** as a benchmark on the contemporary Asian scene, being the protagonist of the **SOLO Show by Vila Casas** and **Video Box** programmes, dedicated to video art, and **Tokyo and Seoul**, as the protagonists of the **Focus Tokyo - Seoul** curated programme, which brings together young spaces from both metropolises.
  - The fair **features 8 programmes**: **General Programme**, dedicated to established galleries; the **Seed program**, that showcases independent and artist-run spaces; **MyFAF**, for newly created galleries that have not participated in any international fair, and, as a novelty, **Design**, dedicated to contemporary design. And the **curated programs**: **Focus Tokyo - Seoul**, focusing on the artistic connection between the two cities; **Emerging LATAM**, with new proposals for emerging Latin American art; **SOLO Show by Vila Casas**, which brings together peripheral Catalan projects with those from other territories, and **Video Box**, dedicated to exploring under-represented contexts through their audiovisual production.
  - Swab Barcelona, which acts as a **platform for experimentation of emerging artistic proposals**, presents this year two parallel projects: **PERHUTANA**, an initiative of the Indonesian art center **Jatiwangi Art Factory**, which proposes the

creation of a collectively owned forest, and the performance **Porto Stand's 2024** by the Portuguese spaces **Mármol** and **Terramoto**.

- The fair features the **Swab 2024 Awards**, for the best Catalan artist and the best emerging artist under 35, an **acquisitions program**, **Swab Kids**, activities for the youngest art lovers, and **Swab Radio**, with original content generated by the fair's protagonists: artists, gallery owners and curators.
- All information at [www.swab.es](http://www.swab.es)

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**Swab, the International Contemporary Art Fair of Barcelona, will hold its 17th edition from October 3 to 6, 2024.**

Swab Barcelona, with a carefully curated programme that combines established galleries with younger galleries, acts as a **platform for experimentation of emerging artistic proposals**. True to its idiosyncrasy, the fair maintains a human scale, a friendly spirit, and prioritizes the quality and diversity of its programme. The selection committee, the collaborating curators and the fair's management are committed to the freshest and **most current proposals on the national and international scene**, giving visibility to **young, innovative projects and integrating new spaces into the art circuit**. An example of this is **My First Art Fair**, supported by the Swab Barcelona Foundation, a programme that awards grants to three galleries less than two years old, giving them the opportunity to participate for the first time in an art fair. **This results in a fair showcasing new trends in contemporary art globally.**

The Swab 2024 selection committee is made up of curators and artistic directors **Omar López-Chahoud**, from the Untitled Miami fair, **Jérôme Pantalacci**, from the French Art-o-Rama fair, **Isa Natalia Castilla**, from the Material Fair in Mexico City, **Domenico de Chirico**, independent curator, and collectors **José Luis Lorenzo**, **Marie Elena Angulo**, **Jesper Stieler**, **Pedro Jaile** and **Laura Peh**. For more information click [here](#).

For the second year and after the good reception of the last edition, Swab will be held at the Textile **Pavilion of Fira de Barcelona**, located at Av. Rius i Taulet, 10. Located at the site of the former Palace of the Textile Art of the 1929 Barcelona Universal Exhibition, the pavilion of industrial aesthetics has more than 3000m<sup>2</sup> that will occupy the entire fair.

## **The vibrant Asian art scene at Swab 2024**

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In this edition, the fair **focuses on the effervescent East Asian art scene**. The city of **Taipei**, a benchmark in the contemporary scene, is the protagonist in two programmes at Swab Barcelona: **SOLO Show**, inaugurated last year in collaboration with the Fundació Vila Casas, will connect the realities and contexts of Barcelona and Taipei with the presentation of four independent projects from each city. A programme curated by **Yipei Lee** (Taipei) and **Carla Gimeno Jaria** (Barcelona), and entitled *The Color Blue from My Sky*.

The **Video Box** programme, aimed at video art and supported by the Swab Barcelona Foundation, will present four artists from the Taipei region. Curated by **Yipei Lee** (Taipei) and entitled *Intimacy: The Moments of Social Skin*, it delves into the intangible forces of geopolitics, gender, power and culture that have shaped contemporary Taiwanese social development since the 1990s.

Both programmes seek to bear witness to the creative **dynamism and artistic effervescence of the Taipei region**, a meeting point and reference point for the growing **community of digital artists, and a region that emanates innovation.**

The **Focus Tokyo - Seoul** programme, curated by the artist **Kelvin Kyung Kun Park** (Seoul), brings together the artistic perspectives of exhibition spaces in both cities, cities in constant transformation and which uniquely intertwine tradition, future and nationalism. *Under the title Tentacles of Thought (From an Octopus)*, the section presents a selection of 6 Korean and Japanese projects that will showcase their cultural influences and their diverse interpretations and artistic visions.

Swab 2024 completes the presence of East Asia with the **PERHUTANA** initiative of the Indonesian collective **Jatiwangi Art Factory**. The project, which stems from the Lumbung movement launched at the last Documenta 15, proposes the creation of a vast collectively owned forest as an alternative to the technocentric vision of development plans.

## Participating galleries: 70 galleries in 8 programs

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Swab 2024 will feature **70 contemporary art galleries, 23 from Spain and 47 from 20 countries in Europe, North America, Latin America and Asia**. In addition, Swab 2024 will feature the participation of **200 artists**.

### General Programme

The General Programme, the central pillar of the fair, includes national and international galleries with a **notable trajectory in the contemporary art circuit**. This year, the programme will feature **33 galleries**.

[a-topos'](#) (Paris, Marseille), [Abbozzo Gallery](#) (Toronto), [ADN Galería](#) (Barcelona), [Alessandro Albanese](#) (Milan) [ATM](#) (Gijón), [Beta Contemporary](#) (Barcelona), [Bloom](#) (Düsseldorf), [CHAxARTxRTM](#) (Rotterdam), [Contemporary Cluster](#) (Roma), [Dilalica](#) (Barcelona), [ESCAT GALLERY - Casa Granados](#) (Barcelona), [ethall](#) (L'Hospitalet), [Galería Fermay](#) (Palma de Mallorca), [Kahmann Gallery](#) (Naarden), [LaiSun Keane](#) (Boston), [Neven](#) (London), [Noaddress](#) (Río de Janeiro), [Palmadotze](#) (Santa Margarida i els Monjos), [Pantocrátor](#) (Barcelona), [Raffaella de Chiricco](#) (Milán), [Rafael Pérez Hernando](#) (Madrid), [Reiners Contemporary](#) (Marbella), [Set Espai d'Art](#) (Valencia), [Shazar](#) (Naples), [Siddiq Projects](#) (Hamburg), [Sissi Club](#) (Marsella), [Soho Revue](#) (London), [Split](#) (London), [Stain Projects](#) (Palma de Mallorca), [Tempesta](#) (Milan), [VANGAR](#) (Valencia), [Yafteh](#) (Teheran) and [Zielinsky](#) (Barcelona/Porto Alegre).

### Swab Seed

The Swab Seed programme showcases **10 independent and self-managed spaces run by artists** who share experimentation as a common denominator. A programme that gives visibility to new platforms and proposals that are shaking up the contemporary scene.

In this edition, the Seed Program will feature: [AllArtNow](#) (Damasco/Estocolmo), [CASA ESPACIO](#) (Barcelona), [Chilli Art Project](#) (London), [OLA Lab](#) (Barcelona), [NAAN Gallery](#) (Tirana), [Post Modern Collection](#) (Amstelveen), [Silica](#) (Cannes), [Sorondo](#) (Barcelona), [TAKEOVER](#) (Beirut) and [Tiny Art Gallery](#) (La Haya).

### MyFAF

The **My First Art Fair** programme presents three newly created galleries that have not yet participated in any international fair. The spaces are funded by the Swab Barcelona Foundation, with the aim of facilitating the entry of new voices on the international art circuit.

[PLATO](#) (Évora), [Studio/Chapple](#) (London) and [TUBE](#) (Palma de Mallorca).

## Design

The new **Design** program is dedicated to collectible design with the purpose of reflecting the current trend of integrating art and design to showcase the creative diversity that defines contemporary design culture.

The program will feature: [Max Radford](#) (London), [Pepe Valenti](#) (Eindhoven), [Anabelle Schneider](#) (New York), and [Vasto](#) (Barcelona).

## Curated programmes

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### Focus Tokyo - Seoul

The project, curated by **Kelvin Kyung Kun Park**, brings together the artistic perspectives of **6 exhibition spaces in both cities**: [Gallery 2](#) (Seoul), [Ingahee](#) (Seoul), [MJK Gallery](#) (Tokyo), [ooooon](#) (Seoul), [The White](#) (Tokyo), and [Space Willing N Dealing](#) (Seoul).

### Emerging LATAM

The Emerging LATAM programme, curated by the Argentinean curator and artist Santiago Gasquet, co-director of the PIEDRAS gallery (Buenos Aires), includes **6 Latin American spaces with less than six years of trajectory**, which are among the most promising in the Latin American contemporary scene.

The programme will feature: [Andrea Bruson](#) (Chile), [Collectio](#) (Chile), [Crudo](#) (Argentina), [Escombro](#) (México), [Paseolab](#) (Lima) and [Tramo](#) (Argentina).

### SOLO Show by Vila Casas

The programme, promoted by the Fundació Vila Casas, was created with the aim of observing projects originating in Barcelona and its surroundings. This year, the programme is extending its links to include the city of Taipei, showcasing a dialogue between **4 galleries in Barcelona, curated by Carla Gimeno, and 4 galleries in Taipei, curated by Yipei Lee.**

[Shishishibook](#) (Taipei), [EQUAL™](#) (Taipei), [ss space space](#) (Taipei), [SUAVEART](#) (Taipei), [FASE](#) (Barcelona), [Halfhouse](#) (Barcelona), [Raccoon Projects](#) (Barcelona), and [Espai 19](#) (Barcelona).

### Video Box

The Video Box programme, dedicated to exploring different contexts through its audiovisual production, presents in this edition four Taiwanese artists, in a project curated by Yipei Lee. Under the title *Intimacy: The Moments of Social Skin*, the proposal delves into the intangible forces of geopolitics, gender, power and culture that have shaped contemporary Taiwanese social development. The participating artists in this edition are: **Chen Chieh-Jen, Wu Chi-Tsung, Hsu Che-Yu and Ciwag Tahos (Anchi Lin).**

See the full list of galleries [here](#).

## Special Programs

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### Performance

In Swab 2024 the spaces **Mármol Project** and **Terramoto Studio**, from the city of Oporto, will present the performance **Porto Stand's**, which throughout the four days will seek to promote a provocative and dynamic dialogue with visitors to the fair. Check the schedule [here](#).

### PERHUTANA

**Jatiwangi art Factory** (JaF) is a community that embraces contemporary arts and cultural practices as part of the discourse of local life in rural Indonesia. At Swab 2024 they present the **PERHUTANA** project, initiated at the last Documenta 15, which seeks to reclaim 8 hectares of industrial land to create an extensive collectively owned forest. The project is supported by **Romero Polo** and **Piramidón**, a residency in which JaF artist **Aldizar Ahmad Grifaldi** will develop the pieces to be exhibited at the fair.

## Awards, Acquisitions and Kids

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### Awards and Acquisitions Program

Different cultural institutions, national companies, foundations and collectors are part of the **Acquisitions Program**. This year the following are part of the program: **Fundació Basat**, **Kells Art Collection**, **La Escalera**, **Marval Collection**, **Fundació Vila Casas**, **Diezy7**, **Piramidón** and **Benoît Doche de Laquintane Prize**.

In addition to the awards: **Fundació Vila Casa**, to the best Catalan artist, **Mango**, to the best emerging artist, **Fundació Uniques**, to the best female artist, and **Piramidón**, residency award.

### Swab Kids

As every year, Swab dedicates a space to the youngest art lovers through Swab Kids, a program that seeks to promote artistic development in children's education. For this edition, the fair is teaming up with the multidisciplinary Barcelona workshop **Petit Japó**, which will seek creativity through sustainability. During the workshop, the little ones will collaborate in the collective creation of a cherry blossom, a Sakura, thus working on the value of caring for our environment, cultural exchange and community work.

## Swab 2024 collaborations

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**Institutional sponsors:** Generalitat de Catalunya | Departament de Cultura, ICEC | Institut Català de les Empreses Culturals, Ajuntament de Barcelona, Government of Spain | Ministerio de Cultura y Deporte, AC/E | Acción Cultural Española. **Collaborating institutions:** Casa Vicens Gaudí, MACBA, Fundació Mies Van Der Rohe, Fundació Foto Colectania, Santa Mònica, Fundació Suñol, Casa Batlló, Fundació Joan Miró, La Virreina, CCCB, Fundació Antoni Tàpies, Caixaforum, Manifesta 15, Fundación Japón Madrid. **Official hotel:** Seventy Barcelona. **Videobox:** JVC, Fundació Joan Miró. **PERHUTANA:** Romero Polo, Piramidón. **Collectors Program:** Hackett London, Recaredo. **Official airline:** Iberia | Iberia Express, Iberia | Airnostrum. **Official beverages:**

El Águila, Soul Water, Miwi Drinks, El Bandarra Vermouth, Skimm Gin, Cointreau. **Media partners:** Aesthetica Magazine, Arte por Excelencias, Arte Al Limite, Artfacts, Artprice, Artsy Travels, CURA, KUBA, La Vanguardia, Exibart, Klima, Lampoon, Show On Show, Terremoto, Vellum, Widewalls, The Art Gorgeous. **Swab Radio:** artsuper. Furniture: Sancal, BDU. **Friends:** Barcelona Global, Círculo del Liceo, Barcelona Turisme, Circulo Ecuestre, TMB | Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona, Nial Art, sothebys, Taller Macba, Soho House. **Digital partners:** Artsper. **SWAB KIDS:** Petit Japó Companies: VisualSign, B Hotel, Omu, Alqvimia vegana.

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## Swab Barcelona

17th Barcelona International Contemporary Art Fair

### Dates:

October 3 to 6, 2024

### Professional visit

Thursday, October 3 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (by invitation only)

### Open to the public

Friday, October 4 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 5 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 6 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

### Venue:

Textile Pavilion of Fira de Barcelona (Av. Rius i Taulet, 10).

All information at [www.swab.es](http://www.swab.es)

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