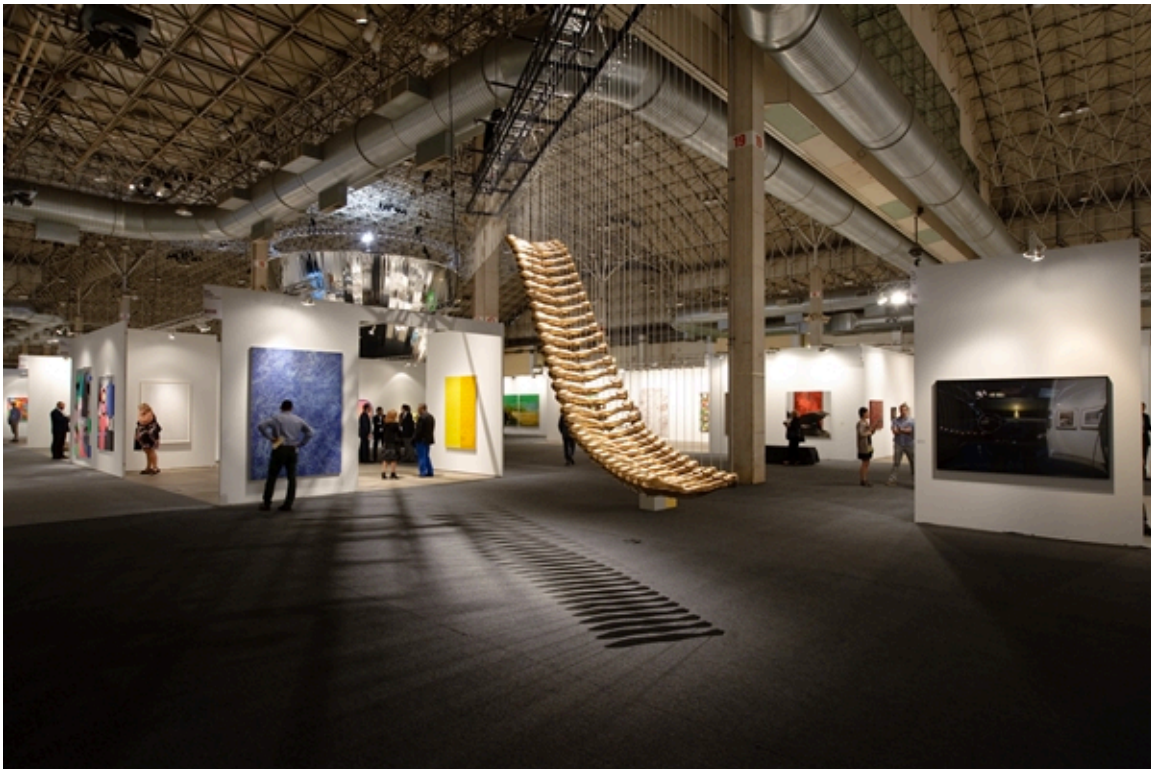


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Expo Chicago Breathes New Life into the Windy City Art Scene

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Expo Chicago 2013.
Photo: Cheri Eisenberg.

Now in its, third year, Expo Chicago continues to gather momentum under the leadership of Tony Karman. The upcoming edition, which runs from September 18–21 at Navy Pier, will feature 140 galleries from more than 17 countries and a packed roster of related events including artist talks, performances, and tours of local collections. A

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special section entitled “Exposure” will highlight younger galleries including Lisa Cooley and James Fuentes, while mainstays like David Zwirner and Richard Gray Gallery will occupy booths in the main section.



Whitney Bedford at Carrie Secrist Gallery.
Photo by Evan Bedford. Courtesy the artist and Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago.

artnet News surveyed exhibitors about what artists and works they are planning to show, and the responses indicate an eclectic mix of works ranging from American artists Thomas Hart Benton and Ellsworth Kelly to Debra Force, to Alice Aycock at Thomas Schulte, and Jessica Stockholder at Kavi Gupta.



Monique Van Genderen at Ameringer McEnery Yohe.
Photo: Courtesy of Ameringer McEnery Yohe, New York.

New York gallerist Pavel Zoubok, an Expo Chicago first timer, told artnet News via email that Karman “has assembled an impressive and eclectic group of dealers and has really made the fair a must-see. I am looking forward to reconnecting with our existing clients and colleagues, and to introducing our program to a new audience. With the latter in mind, our installation will be an eclectic mix of contemporary and modern collage and assemblage, including Joe Brainard, Joseph Cornell, Vanessa German, Judy Pfaff and Mark Wager.”

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Molly Zuckerman-Hartung at Corbett vs. Dempsey.
Photo: Courtesy of Corbett vs. Dempsey, Chicago.

Independent Curators International (ICI) recently announced its selection of names for “IN/SITU,” which provides an opportunity for artists to create large scale, site specific, and performative works intended to go beyond typical fair parameters. ICI executive director Renaud Proch selected artists including Elijah Burgher, Robert Burnier, Ken Gonzales-Day, Fernando Pareja & Leidy Chavez, Cheryl Pope, Michael Rakowitz, Jessica Stockholder, and Saya Woolfalk. The artists have a wide range of connections to Chicago; most have lived, worked, studied, or taught there.

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Secundino Hernandez at Galerie Forsblom.
Photo: Couresty Galerie Forsblom, Helsinki.

Karman told artnet News: “My goals are numerous—that Expo Chicago further establishes itself on the international art fair calendar as the place for the art world to convene each September, that we broaden our partnerships with local and international museums, institutions, galleries, and artists, that our programming continues to be critically acclaimed, and most importantly that we

remain supportive of our dealers and their artists to ensure their success.”

Expo Chicago 2014 runs September 18–21 at Navy Pier.