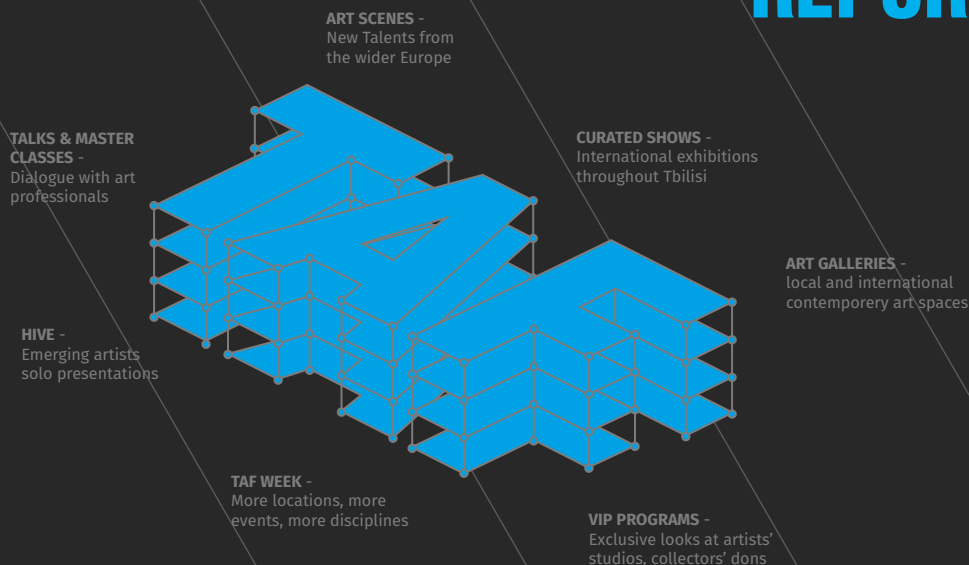


Tbilisi Art Fair

22 — 25 Sept
2022

REPORT



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Tbilisi Art Fair

The Tbilisi Art Fair conveys its gratitude to each participant and visitor of the 3rd edition that took place from September 22 to 25 in Tbilisi.

All numbers have increased: sales, visitors, exhibitions, artists, media coverage. TAF has definitely established itself on the art world map as the place to discover new contemporary art scenes from Georgia,

Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Estonia, Serbia, Poland, Kurdistan, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Uzbekistan and more, as well as young and emerging artists from all over Europe.

TAF and TAF Art Week showcased more than 80 exhibitions and art events in multiple venues across Tbilisi, such as ExpoGeorgia, the

Stamba Hotel, the Factory, Fabrica, TBC, TEC, Open Space of Experimental Art, the House of Writers, the Wine Factory, the Photography and Multimedia Museum, Maudi and the numerous contemporary art galleries downtown. The high quality of the artistic offers and presentations, in the booths, in the different pavilions at the fair and in the different art spaces largely contributed to the success of TAF,

among the collectors, institutions and the public alike.

Despite the numerous obstacles that delayed this edition, together we made the most successful TAF so far.

We very much look forward to seeing you in May 2023!

With best wishes,

Kaha Gvelesiani and
Eric Schlosser
Founder and Art Director of TAF

OVERVIEW

The Tbilisi Art Fair (TAF) is both a fair and a not-for-profit international contemporary art platform, created to broaden awareness and increase sales, mobility and cross border projects opportunities for the young and emerging art scenes from the wider Europe, with a focus on Georgia, the caucasus, central and eastern Europe. TAF provides collectors, institutions, art professionals and discerning art enthusiasts an exclusive, engaging and inclusive look at art scenes that are less easy to access, within a site specific art fair where participants can broaden their reach, deepen their relationships and exercise greater curatorial freedom with less financial strain and more emotional engagement. TAF bets on the talents and the genuine collectors, galleries and institutions who can support them and boost their career. In 2022, the average age of artists exhibited at TAF was less than 35 years old, and more than half were female.

KEY FIGURES

Visitors: **13500**

Galleries: **26**

Hive Participants: **38**

Book shops and editions: **4**

Price range of the works sold:
150\$ -- 80000\$

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY ARTISTS AND EXHIBITORS

Georgia, France, Ukraine, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Lithuania, Japan, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Russia, UK, Estonia, Serbia, Poland, Albania, Kyrgystan, China, South America, Israel, Armenia, Belorussia, Ouzbekistan, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Kuwait, USA.

COUNTRIES WITH MOST VISITORS

France, Germany, USA, Ukraine, Belgium, Spain, Lithuania, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Russia, UK, Armenia...



LIST OF GALLERIES

Countries of origin, artists presented

ARTBEAT GEORGIA

Maia Naveriani
Tamo Jugeli
David Meskhi
Anna K.E.
Keti Kapanadze
Nika Kutateladze
Nato Sirbiladze
Tamar Bochorishvili

KERA GALLERY GEORGIA

Teodor Rekhviashvili
Edoardo Dionea Cicconi

DISSOLUTION GALLERY GEORGIA

Guram Tsibakhashvili
David Finestein
Irakli Tchrelashvili

4710 CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY GEORGIA

Leila Shelia
Vajiko Chachkhiani
Nestan Abdushelishvili
Merab Gugunashvili

GALLERY LC QUEISSER GEORGIA

Ketuta Alexi-Meskhishvili
Thea Gvetadze

E.A. SHARED SPACE GEORGIA

Mariana Chkonია
Jesse Darling
Sophie Jung
Jala Wahid

GALERIE BRUNO MASSA GEORGIA

George Maskharashvili
Erekle Tsuladze
Ilia Balavadze
Nina Narimanishvili
Alexander (Sandro) Antadze
Mako Lomadze
Nino Karumidze
Irakli Tsuladze
Irakli (Akuna) Kavtaradze
Nika Koplatadze
Jérémie Rebourgeard
Tutu Kiladze

WINDOW PROJECT GEORGIA

Tamara K.E.
Rusudan Khizanishvili
Uta Bekaia

THE WHY NOT GALLERY GEORGIA

Gvantsa Jishkariani
Malkhaz Gorgadze

ERISTAVI GALLERY BELGIUM

Kartlos Bikashvili
Shako Khrikuli

CHARDIN ART GALLERY GEORGIA

Vano Enoukidze
Vera Pagava

VANDA ART GALLERY GEORGIA

Kako Topuria
Rita Khachatryan

IART GALLERY GEORGIA

Giorgi Kobiashvili (Kobi)
Dancova-Nalbandian
Boris Aleksandrovich Fogel
Nikolai Slifasovski
Gogi Totibadze
Irakli Toidze
Natela Iankoshvili
Tengiz Mirzashvili

VERNISSAGE GALLERY GEORGIA

Tamuna Melikishvili
Anri Basilaia
Sophie-Luise Passow

N9 GALLERY GEORGIA

Mamia Malazonia

THE ROOSTER GALLERY LITHUANIA

Vita Opolskyte
Vytautas Kumža
Kazimieras Brazdziunas
Tomas Daukša

LIFE N STYLE GALLERY GEORGIA

Lia Bagrationi
Luca Lazar
Mari Ataneli
Romanoz
Qiao Qi
Maka Batiashvili

BAIA GALLERY GEORGIA

Vakho Bugadze
Gogi Aleks-i-Meskhishvili

LAUFER ART SWITZERLAND, SERBIA

Luka Ličina

Q GALLERY AZERBAIJAN

Rashad Alakbarov
Butunay Hagverdiyev
Mirali Seyidov
Eliyar Alimirzoyev
Elena Hagverdiyeva
Kanan Aliyev

GALERIE MELIKE BILIR GERMANY

Clemencia Labin
Shotiko Aptsiauri

GALERIE ODILE OUIZEMAN FRANCE

Enzo Certa
Alexandre Carin

GALERIE NIVET-CARZON FRANCE

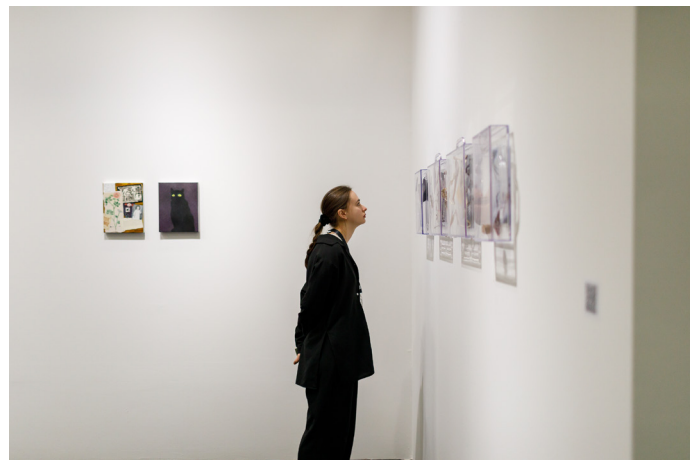
Simon Termignon
Yves Bartlett
Arslane Smirnov

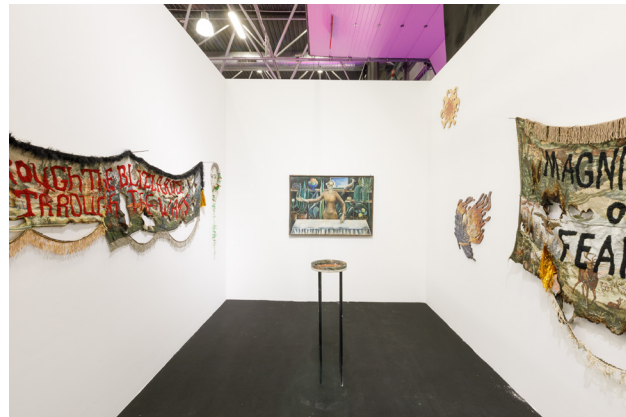
L'ALEATOIRE FRANCE

Timothee Li
Daria Krotova Schlosser
Aleksander Barkovkiy

GALERIA VALID FOTO BCN

SPAIN
Xavier Manrique





HIVE

Artists solo presentations

THIERRY BOUET
FRANCE

VEERLE SYMOENS
BELGIUM

LIZI BUDAGASHVILI
GEORGIA

LUCA BATTAGLIA
ITALY

TEONA YAMANIDZE
GEORGIA

SANDRO ANTADZE
GEORGIA

BUKA GHVABERIDZE
GEORGIA

GIORGI KANCHELI
GEORGIA

NANUKA ZAALISHVILI
GEORGIA

IRINA RAZUMOVSKAYA
UK

LISA BUKREYEVA
UKRAINE

TEKLA KIGHURADZE
GEORGIA

TEO BURKI
LONDON, UK

LEVAN MANJAVIDZE
GEORGIA

TSISIA KILADZE
GEORGIA

GIORGI MANJGALADZE
GEORGIA

GOGI KVERNADZE
GEORGIA

MAMUKA MIKELADZE
GEORGIA

LEVAN MEKHUZLA
GEORGIA

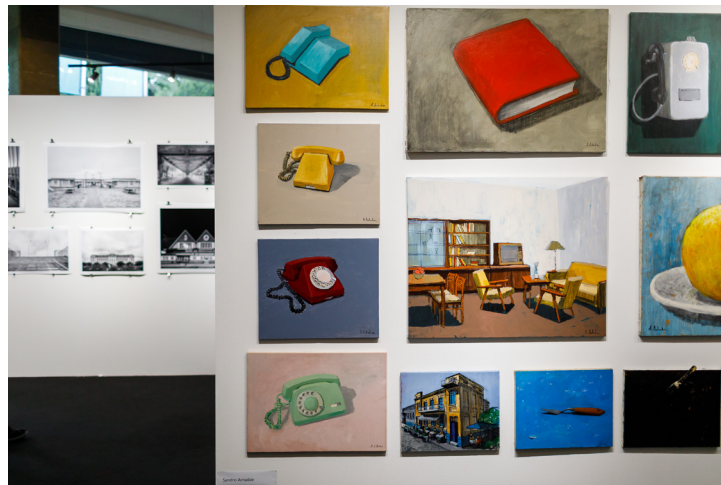
IRINA JIBUTI
GEORGIA

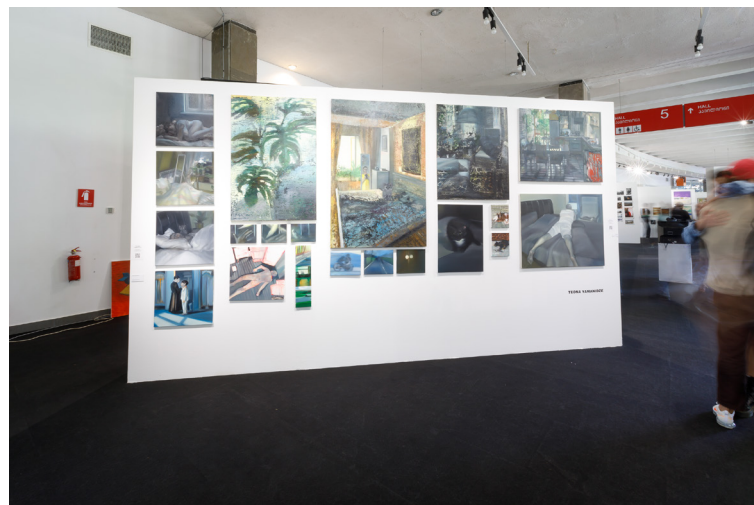
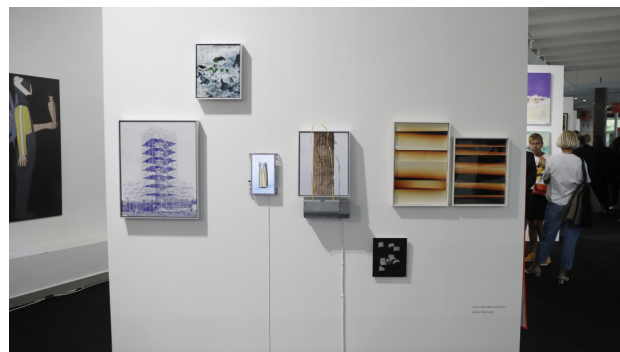
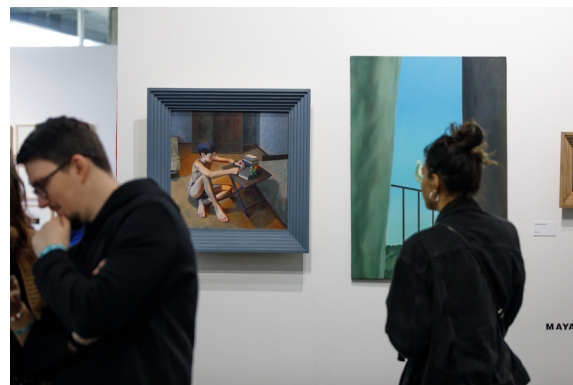
TASO GOMELAURI
GEORGIA

ALEX KIESSLING
AUSTRIA

DARO SULAKAURI
GEORGIA

ZANE ZEIVATE
LATVIA





HIVE

Artists solo presentations

DAVID PENNY
UK

MAIA BARATASHVILI
GEORGIA

GIORGI ABUASHVILI
GEORGIA

SOPHO MAMALADZE
GEORGIA

EKA KHUNTSARIA
GEORGIA

NINA AKHOBADZE
GEORGIA

TORA AGHABAYOVA
AZERBAIJAN

ZARNISHA YUSIF
AZERBAIJAN

ELENE PICHKHADZE
GEORGIA

LIA SHVELIDZE
GEORGIA

NINO CHUBINISHVILI
GEORGIA

TATO AKHALKATSISHVILI
GEORGIA

NATELA GRIGALASHVILI
GEORGIA

ALEXANDER BAGRATIONI-DAVIDOFF
GEORGIA

NINO KOPALADZE
GEORGIA

ANA JAPARIDZE
GEORGIA





SHOPS

Cezanne
The Why Not Gallery Shop
Life N Style concept store
White studio



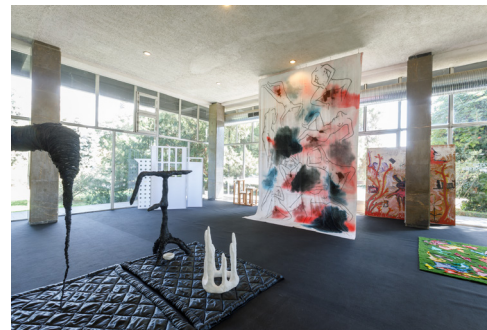
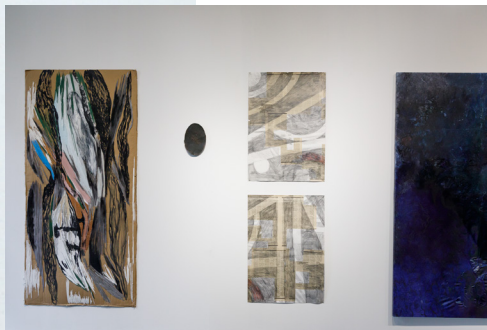


VA[A]DS-ის სთუდენტებისა და კურსდამთავრებულების
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VA[A]DS

**TAF
CURATED
EXHIBITIONS**



VAADSFREUNI Presents (students and graduates)

Curated by Irina Popiashvili

SHOTIKO APTIAURI
ANASTASIA AKHVLEDIAN
TEO MASPI
MARIAM INASHVILI
TEIMURAZ ERISTAVI
GIORGI KONTRIDZE
SUPRA MAGIC
SOFO SHEITNISHVILI
SAVLE SHUBLADZE
IOANA TSULAYA
ELENE FICHKADZE
TINA JANIASHVILI
GVANTSA JGUSHIA
SALOME JOKHADZE

MASAO YAMAMOTO

**Curated by Fernando Peracho
and Eric Schlosser**

A large exhibition of world renown Japanese photographer Masao Yamamoto, 80 works from the serie A box of Ku, Nakazora, Kawa and the new serie La vie simple, presented in collaboration with Masao Yamamoto and Gallery Valid Photo (Spain).



RASHAD ALAKBAROV

Curated by QGallery





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN PHOTO ASSOCIATION

Curated by Arantza Aramburu, Laure Parise, Eric Schlosser

NATELA GRIGALASHVILI

MARYAM FIRUZI

MARTA ZGIERSKA

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OKSANA NEVMERZHYTSKA
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VIDEONALE

Curated by Tasja Langenbach

A program of international artists that open a framework of thoughts and critical reflection on the reasons and consequences for moments of crisis – on a global but also on an individual level. Works by Viktor Brim, Zanny Begg & Oliver Ressler, Mahdi Fleifel, Stéphanie Lagarde, Chang-Jin Lee, Monira Al Qadiri, Connie Walsh.

Videonale is one of the most important festivals for video and time-based arts in Europe.

www.verein.videonale.org



CABARET MAÑANA

by Yves Bartlett and Arslane Smirnov



TAXI

by Anri Sala

All Shadows, Sergio Armadori, Erik Bünger, Matteo Cremonesi, Maya Dikstein, Nico Dockx, Jakup Ferri, Manuela Garcia, Khaled Hafez, Orestis Mavroudis, Christopher Milne, Haroon Mirza, Bruno Muzzolini, Ferhat Özgür, Steve Piccolo, Damien Roach, Anri Sala, Bert Theis, Daniëlle Van Ark, Shingo Yoshida, Fani Zguro.

TAXI is an ongoing collective site-specific project that takes place inside a taxi, for which each artist was invited to propose a sound piece to be played within the car. TAXI originates from Anri Sala's "No Formula One No Cry", curated by Florian Agalliu at Manifesta 2002 Frankfurt.



VERA PAGAVA

Gravures sur Bois

Presented by Eka Enukidze

The series of engravings made in 1926 were created for one of the artist's first exhibitions, when she was studying in the school of Art and Advertising in Paris.



TAF & ART VILNIUS

**Curated by Sonata Baliuckaite
and Eric Schlosser**

Mindaugas Tendziagolskis.
The Red Carpet. Installation. 2013

Audra Vau.
Poets Never Sleep. Video installation. 2017

www.artvilnius.com

ART'S MATTER

**Experience curated by: Xavier Leinekugel
Eric Schlosser**

French Neuroscience researcher at Institut de Neurobiologie de la MEDiterranée (INMED, Marseille), Dr Xavier Leinekugel, performed a world premiere experiment for TAF visitors, generating colourful, partially enigmatic, emotional profile, when exposed to a work of art.





TAF TALKS

A serie of talks and conversations with the participation of local and international speakers, reflecting on taf programme and current important issues for contemporary art and its market

GEORGIA AND INTERNATIONAL ART SCENES

SPEAKERS:

Monika Čejková - *Curator, National Gallery, Prague*
Irena Popiashvili - *Curator, dean of VA[A]DS Free University of Tbilisi*
Inga Lace - *Associate curator, MoMa C-Map;*
Margot Norton - *Senior curator, New Museum, NYC.*
Gean Moreno - *Curator, ICA Miami. Founder of Art + Research Center*

IN THE SEED OF TIME

SPEAKERS:

Marie-Laure Viebel - *artist, lives and works in Paris*
Irina Koshoridze - *ph. D, Curator of Oriental Collections, Shalva Amiranashvili Museum of Fine Arts, Georgian National Museum, Associate professor of Tbilisi State University*

ART AT WAR

SPEAKERS:

Ana Riaboshenko - *Independent cultural worker*
Konstantin Doroshenko - *Curator, art critic, author*
Diana Fedoriaka - *Photographer (MYPH)*
Xenia Petrovska - *Photographer (MYPH)*

ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT NFT

SPEAKERS:

Brian Droitcour - *Author, former editor of Art in America, Editor in chief Outland*
Uta Bekaia - *Artist*
Johan J.C. Eleveld - *Web entrepreneur*
Eugene Raymond ten Cate - *NFT specialist*
Alex Kiessling - *Artist*

PROMOTING WOMEN VOICES WITH PHOTOGRAPHY

SPEAKERS:

Arantza Aramburu - *IWPA co-founder*
Dina Oganova - *photographer*
Natela Grigalashvili - *photographer*



VIP PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Soviet and Art Nouveau architecture tours
- Estates and Studio visits from early 20th to emerging artists
- Daily brunches, openings, artists performances and evening parties
- Jazz concert of Beka Gochiashvili Trio
- Daily wine and culinary tastings



Architecture photos by Luca Battaglia

PRESS COVERAGE



Tbilisi is sustaining its tradition of hospitality, intellectual independence, and cozy bohemianism. As with all good fairs, visitors came for the art, but stayed for the parties!

[Spike Art Magazine](#)



Konbini

The talented young art scene honored at the Tbilisi Art Fair.

Tbilisi Art Fair rolls out the red carpet to the hottest art news.

[Konbini](#)

**Le
Quotidien
de l'Art**

"Tbilisi Art Fair, which celebrated its 3rd edition last week, is a privileged observatory on the Global South".

[Le Quotidien de l'art](#)



THE ART NEWSPAPER

"The outlook for Georgia's art scene is very positive, it has developed quickly over the last few years."

"The fair is particularly strong in the photography sector."

"Georgian art is going strong, and is being discovered and rediscovered."

[The Artnewspaper](#)


IL GIORNALE DELL'ARTE

The most successful edition of the fair...with prices ranging from 100 to 35 thousand euros it's the kind of event where you can buy without first consulting your financial advisor

"The event also contributed to the rediscovery of the country's artistic past."

[Il giornale dell'arte](#)

stirworld

"The third edition of the Tbilisi Art Fair, which is taking place in Georgia, is one event where a person would wish to spend enough time. It revitalises the local and international art scene by broadening opportunities for artistic scenes, particularly in the Caucasus, Central, and Eastern Europe, and by providing access to artists who are difficult to find in central art markets."

[Stirworld](#)



PRESS COVERAGE

LOCAL PRESS:

At.ge
Investor.ge
Hammock.ge
finchannel.com
entrepreneur.com
forbeswoman.ge
Helloblog.ge
Caucasus Business Week
Atinati.com
Agenda.ge
TKT.ge

TV:

EuronewsGeorgia
TV Formula
Imedi TV
Palitraneews
Georgian Broadcaster
Tape.ge

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS HIGHLIGHTS

Anna Somers Cocks (Founder the Art Newspaper)
Jean-Philippe Reza (collector, France)
Stephane Cristol (collector, France)
Charlotte Philips (collector, UK)
Nicolas V. Iljin (collector, Germany/France)
Sandy and Jane Angus (Angus Montgomery - UK)
Marc Franco (advisor for Bozar, commissaire Europalia - Belgium)
Rita Janssen (advisor for Bozar - Belgium)
Dirk Vermaelen (Europalia, Belgium)
Rafael Pic (Le Quotidien de l'Art)
Brain Droitcour (Art in America, Outland)
Monika Čejková (curator, National Gallery, Prague)
Inga Lace (curator, MoMa NY)
Margot Norton (curator, New Museum, NYC)
Gean Moreno (curator, ICA Miami)
Arantza Aramburu (IWPA)
Charlotte Vilgrain (collector, France)

Roland and Isabelle Carta (collectors, France)
Philippe and Claire Coutin (collectors, France)
Gregor Jansen (Kunsthalle Dusseldorf)
Laurie Ziegler (collector, USA)
Brian Ruhl (collector, USA)
Jean-Patsite Peron (collector, France)
Olga Pogasova (curator, France)
Dorian Batycka (Artnet)
Werner Bloch (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)
Simone Subal (selection committee Paris+, Galerist, Switzerland/NY)
Alicia Bock (curator, National Modern Art Museum, Paris)
Pierre Alexandre Mateos (curator, Paris)
Chalres Teyzzou (curator, Paris)
Sonata Baliuckaite (Art Vilnius)
Konstantin Doroshenko (art writer, Ukraine)
Alexey Pryima (collector, Russia)







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