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When in Miami for... Art Basel Miami Beach



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The Fair:

WHERE: Miami Beach Convention Center.

WHAT: The contemporary-art world's foremost American gathering.

WHEN: December 4–7.

HIGHLIGHTS: Twenty-five of the 250 exhibiting galleries are here for the first time, including **Air de Paris** and **Greenberg Van Doren Gallery**. • An endless slate of other art events scheduled to coincide with the Art Basel, including the smaller **Nada**, **Pulse**, **Scope**, and **Design Miami** fairs. • Art Basel Conversations will include such panelists as **Vik Muniz**, **Thelma Golden**, and **Chuck Close**, among others. • It's a week full of countless parties. Some highlights include: The *New York Times Magazine* party hosted by **Stefano Tonchi**, **Andre Balazs**, and **Ambra Medda** at the **Raleigh Penthouse** (Dec. 2); **Jeffrey Deitch**'s party at the Raleigh featuring rock group **The Gossip** (Dec. 3); the opening night extravaganza for the exhibition "Russian Dreams..." at the **Bass Museum of Art** (Dec. 3); the launch of *Visionaire* magazine special issue 55 on the theme of "surprise" at a place to be announced (Dec. 4); the IFC Films screening of *Che* at **Byron Theater**, and afterparty at the Raleigh hosted by **Steven Soderbergh**, **Benicio Del Toro**, and **Laura Bickford** (Dec. 4); the **Bruce Weber** dinner and afterparty for the *L'Uomo Vogue* "Miami Issue," which he shot, hosted by editor **Franca Sozzani** and **Remo Ruffini** at **Casa Tua**; and the opening cocktail party for the exhibition "Thoughts on Democracy" at the **Wolfsonian** (Dec. 5).

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