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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FRIEZE AND NYC'S SPRING ART WEEK

By Gary Pini

New York's Spring Art Week is here! The weather has finally come around and it's a great time to get out and enjoy the tons of gallery openings, art fairs, auctions and parties taking place from May 6th to the 16th. Here's what's happening:



Scene from Frieze 2012

FRIEZE New York 2013

The New York spin-off of FRIEZE returns to Randall's Island from May 10 to 13, with a big "Private View" on Thursday night, May 9. It will be open to the public daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Friday and, for a second year, is taking place in a giant tent designed by Brooklyn architecture firm SO-IL. You can get there via ferry from the dock at 34th Street and FDR Drive, by bus from the Guggenheim Museum, free shuttle from the Joe Fresh store or you can drive. Admission to the fair is \$42 (\$26 students). Over 180 worldwide galleries will be exhibiting and there's also lots of side-projects, lectures and a tribute to the early '70s, artist-run SoHo restaurant, FOOD, with artists/chefs doing the cooking and "exploring the relationship between food and art." There's also a big sculpture park with works by Paul McCarthy, Fiona Connor, Saint Clair Cemin, Pae White and more. To buy tickets and to check out all the details regarding getting there and back, go HERE.

BKLYN Designs

The tenth edition of this showcase for Brooklyn-based designers runs for three days -- May 10 to 12 -- in DUMBO's St. Ann's Warehouse (29 Jay Street, Brooklyn). Over thirty designers will show original, limited-edition pieces and furnishings.

And, of course New York's art galleries are taking full advantage of all the crowds in town for the fairs, and they're opening new shows:

• Leila Heller Gallery (568 West 25th Street) has a 5-day, multi-venue installation by London-based artist Reza Aramesh that starts on May 8, 11 p.m., at Marquee (289 10th Avenue) and winds up on May 12, 9 p.m., at the Bossa Nova Civic Club (1271 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn.) The gallery also has a show called "Bass! How Low Can You Go?" curated by Amir Shariat that opens May 8, 6 to 8 p.m., and runs until June 5th in their 25th Street space.