

LEILA HELLER GALLERY.

Istanbul Art Snob



Artinternaional opened its doors early noon yesterday with a grand press conference. Halic Congress Center was home again for the second time to the international arts from all over the world. Hosting 80 galleries and an estimated number of 400 artists from 24 different countries, the fair was visited by 8,073 viewers on the first day. The significance of this fair is so that the art lovers whom do not have the luxury to wonder around the globe for the Frieze and the Basel's and so on can hop on a cab and meet the worlds finest contemporary artists from Vienna, Roma, London, Hong Kong, Tehran, New York, Berlin, Madrid, Baku, Amsterdam and so on. On the waterside of the Congress Center their were sculptures of many famous artists such as **Benjamin Appel, Laurent Bolognini, Karl Karner**, legendary **Joan Miró, Keita Miyazaki, Steven Naifeh, Jaume Plensa** including Turkish contemporary artists **Osman Dinç**. After passing through the artworks along the water, we lead into the conference room starting with the speech of Hüseyin Avunduk followed by Sandy Angus, Prof. Dr. Pallikaris, Dyala Nusseibeh, Stephane Ackermann, Başak Şenova, Tansa Mermerci Ekşioğlu and finalised with Özge Ersoy and Merve Ünsal's speech. The fair has a strong line up of art talks programmed by SPOT projects, an area called "Moving Images" dedicated to video artists and many ongoing performances.

"I thank everybody for helping us make this fair because its certainly a step forward in the right direction. I hope you all will be able to spend a lot of time at the fair as it is a meeting place for the art world." – Sandy Angus.