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The Real Miami Heat: Huffington Posts' Guide to Art Basel Miami Beach

As you read this, there is a giant pulsating orb known as Miami Basel alluring a defenseless international audience of art lovers, collectors and artists to encircle its captivating glow. Amazingly, the main fair called "Art Basel | Miami Beach" started only nine years ago as the sister fair to "Art Basel | Switzerland" and has since mushroomed into an extravaganza with over 20 satellite fairs and numerous parties to go along with it. Crossover events feature music, film, architecture and design. The main fair is at the Miami Convention Center near the city's Art Deco Districts and then satellite fairs are sprinkled throughout the city in a tandem celebration. Here is a brief non-comprehensive guide to what events, fairs and shows await you should you fly south for the winter.

Lehmann Maupin Gallery
December 2 - 5, 2010
Art Basel Miami Beach
Miami Beach Convention Center

Why: New York's Lehmann Maupin Gallery has established its reputation as a 'career starter' having exhibited Tracey Emin, Shirazeh Houshiary and Adriana Varejao in their first solo US shows. Their booth in Miami will make you want to hang out in the Convention Center just a little longer to catch works by Ashely Bickerton, Angel Otero, Nari Ward and Mickalene Thomas, amongst others.