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Organisation

Liste was founded in 1996 as "The Young Art Fair in Basel" and will proudly present its celebratory 30th edition in 2025! Liste is the leading international art fair for new discoveries and voices in contemporary art, and it continues to be the most prominent platform for exploring both younger and more established galleries that represent emerging or underrepresented artists.

Since 2022 Liste has been owned by the Stiftung Liste Basel. This ensures that Liste, as a non-profit organisation, can continue its commitment to contemporary art and its support of galleries and their artists as they enter the international art market.

Concept

With the goal of presenting a wide range of the latest international developments and tendencies in contemporary art, Liste encourages exhibitors to showcase exciting and daring works by artists in both solo and group presentations. Exhibiting at Liste offer artists great visibility to an international audience – often for the first time.

The fair exists to actively forge new and lasting connections among gallerists, collectors, artists, curators and writers from all over the world, which in turn fosters sustainable communities. These networks, together with a shared set of values, are equally as important as achieving commercial success, and they have become the foundations of some of today's most internationally established galleries. As a discursive space, Liste has always been close to the production

and development processes of emerging – but also now-established or historically pioneering – artists, which means it is able to recognise trends and make conjunctures but also change and shift in direction.

The fair's significance is demonstrated by the long list of artists and galleries who have successfully launched their positions in the art world with their international debut at Liste and who are today among the world's most important professionals. Liste specifically promotes the presence of its galleries and artists in Basel during Art Basel, one of the most important weeks in the art world's calendar.

Special Projects

Liste can be characterised as a lively place of discourse, encounters, lingering and community with an immense internationality. Here, space is also given to the performative and the distinctly unique, both in content and form. The way in which the location is used as a meeting point opens a sensual and emotional dimension to contemporary art, and it noticeably increases the length of visitors' stays and the quality of their experiences.

Every year, Liste develops a comprehensive accompanying live program within the context of the fair that offers new highlights and discoveries every day. Artists, writers, filmmakers, philosophers, poets, publishers, scientists and musicians are invited to present their work in formats that range from theatre, sound and performance to panel discussions, readings and screenings to thematic tours and workshops for children.

Events and Activations

- Invitation-only VIP reception and preview day on 16 June (VIP Preview, 11 am – 6 pm)
- Opening party hosted in collaboration with the Swiss Art Awards, Swiss Design Awards and Kaserne Basel
- A special evening reception with Liste's main partner, E. Gutzwiller & Cie. Banquiers
- Collaborations with international institutions, curators and art magazines for the Special Projects at the fair and online
- Thematic guided tours led by art historians, curators and artists
- A curated Liste shop with magazines, books and artists' items
- Dedicated areas for eating, gathering, relaxing and listening

Visitors

Among professionals from the various fields of art, who comprise the largest share of the fair's visitors, Liste has long been established as platform for the discovery of international emerging artists. The fair consistently draws the most important private and institutional collectors as well as museum and independent curators from around the world. The fair is attended by around 20,000 visitors throughout the week and is recognised internationally.

Location

The 30th edition of Liste will be held in Hall 1.1 at Messe Basel in the immediate vicinity of Art Basel. Messe Basel is located in the city centre and is within walking distance from the Kunstmuseum Basel and Kunsthalle Basel. The Fondation Beyeler, Tinguely Museum, Kunsthaus Baselland, House of Electronic Arts (HEK) and Schaulager are also easily reachable with public transit.

Architecture

For the upcoming edition of the fair, Liste will introduce a new spatial concept. We will adapt and reinterpret architectural elements from previous years while enhancing the fair's overall character. The new fair architecture will offer more intimate as well as dynamic spaces for exhibitors and visitors alike, allowing more options for focused interactions, strolling around, resting or attending the accompanying program.

Helvetia Art Prize

Helvetia Insurance will take part in Liste for the 22nd time in 2025 with the Helvetia Art Prize, which supports graduates from Swiss art schools at the start of their professional careers.

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Production Support

Thanks to donations from the Stiftung Liste Basel, galleries can apply for production support if their artists are producing new works for Liste 2025. This support is intended to ensure that the artists and their work can be presented in the best possible way. The application documents will be made available at the end of February 2025, after the galleries for Liste 2025 have been selected and notified.

Important Dates

Application deadline:
11 December 2024

Acceptance notification:
end of February 2025

VIP Preview and opening
reception:
Monday, 16 June 2025,
11 am – 8 pm

Fair: Tuesday, 17 June –
Sunday, 22 June 2025

Art Basel

Preview of Art Unlimited:
Monday, 16 June 2025

First Choice and Preview of
Art Basel:
Tuesday, 17 June and
Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Effective November 2024

Friends of Liste

Friends of Liste offers support for exceptional and highly involved booth presentations, such as those featuring installations, new media works or performative works. The support from Friends of Liste results in a stand price reduction of CHF 2,000 for specific galleries selected by the Liste committee. The application to receive support from Friends of Liste is included in the general application form to participate in Liste 2025.