

The Basel Ancient Art Fair

In the jungle of major art fairs, a prominent place is occupied by the Basel Ancient Art Fair (known to the initiated as BAAF), not to be confused with its older version in Brussels. Like its elder sibling, it focuses entirely on ancient civilisations. So at Riehen between 2 and 7 November, people will be talking nothing but archaeology and Greek, Roman and Egyptian classical antiquity. Nine years on the fair has become a key event, but has preserved its human dimension with its eighteen specialists, all members of the International Association of Dealers in Ancient Art. This year, its treasures include a head of Venus presented by the David Ghezlbash gallery from Paris, and a black-figure amphora connected with the Princeton Group being shown at the stand of the Basel-based gallery Jean-David Cahn AG, formerly in the collection of William Henry Fox Talbot (1800-1877). The fair should once again be attracting an audience of connoisseurs. Last year, a number of museums, like the Antiken-Museum of Basel, took an extremely active interest...

Reithalle Wenkenhof, Riehen, 2 to 7 November.

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This November, New York will play host to the latest fair produced by Sanford L. Smith & Associates: The Salon: Art + Design/NY. Held at the Park Avenue Armory, the fair will run from 8 to 12 November in association with the Syndicat National des Antiquaires, the largest organisation of art dealers in France. According to Sandy Smith, it is the participation of this body, in partnership with American dealers, which will ensure a high level of quality and a fresh insight into the European and American art markets. The fair will include exhibitions from 52 leading international dealers presenting works from a variety of disciplines including sculpture, design, photography and modern painting, ranging from 1890 to the present day. The event is clearly widely anticipated, with 30 dealers committing to the event within the first week of its announcement alone. There will be a private viewing on 7 November in aid of Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, a charitable organisation that raises money to help disadvantaged children in New York.

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