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Bologna and Genoa, the great exhibitions

Another look at Miami Art Week

Giorgio de Chirico's exhibition in Turin

The revolutionary genius of Thelonious Monk

Vittorio Corona at Area Contesa Arte

Every December, Miami Art Week activities amplify the global spotlight on an already vibrant city, and 2024 was no exception. Even with the best planning, it's impossible to see all the art presentations in one week. With twenty fairs featuring nearly 1,200 galleries and works by thousands of artists from around the world, the city fills with VIP openings, private events, and a host of other opportunities for art collectors and lovers of the culinary arts, music, and fashion. Miami Beach Convention Center hosts the flagship event Art Basel Miami Beach. It brought 286 of these galleries from 38 countries in 2024. Miami Beach Convention Center hosts the

flagship event. One of the first stops was the solo exhibition Breaking News, by New York artist Mimi Smith Luis De Jesus Los Angeles presented this exciting exhibition. The mini-retrospective of her nearly six decades of artistic creation addressed topics that continue to be relevant to conversations years later. A pinstriped suit hanging on the wall lined with steel wool was the centerpiece of the installation, "Slave Ready Corporate" for a suit: steel wool, pinstriped fabric, aluminum hanger; painting: acrylic and pencil on canvas; clock: acrylic and computer prints on clock. Mimi Smith is the first known woman to use clothing in sculpture to communicate her shared experience of being a woman. The subtext behind a garment told the story of millions of women. Mimi Smith said in a statement, "I believed that women knew how to look at clothes and that if I made a sculpture in the form



of a dress, I could say something about the events and concerns of my life as a young woman and communicate the shared experience of being a woman in society." Her Clocks series, which shared messages of global issues, was exhibited alongside her rarely seen Television Drawings. These transcriptions of daily news into drawings inspired her while she stayed home to raise young children in the 1970s. Whether or not a gallery tells the story of an artist as masterfully as Luis de Jesus, named one of the "Best Booths of Art Basel" by Art News, every work of art, no matter how complex or small, contains layers of stories. Gallery owners as storytellers convey stories that might otherwise be lost to time. A prominent gallery in New York's Chelsea District, Berry Campbell Gallery brought stories from the Abstract Expressionism movement to the conversation at Art Basel Miami Beach 2024.