

16 Artists Who Made Sure Black Lives Mattered at Art Basel Miami Beach

These black artists created work that spoke volumes at the annual art show.

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The beauty of art is that it starts with one person's dreams and ideas, which are then realized in a painting, sculpture or other art medium. From there it lives on forever, hopefully for all the world to see. That's one reason it's so important that the artwork of black artists, who often document the good and bad of our lives, flourish in this new, emerging worldview.

From police violence to black love, from the Black Panthers to the Jackson Five, it's all reflected in this selection of artwork from the largest and most important art fair in America, **Art Basel Miami Beach**, as well as some of the many satellite fairs and shows, which took place in Miami from Dec. 1-4.

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Dajerria All Alone (Bolling v Sharpe (District of Columbia)) (McKinney Pool Party), 2016, by Tomashi Jackson; mixed media on cotton and canvas

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1. Tomashi Jackson

Tomashi Jackson is part of Simone Leigh's **Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter**.

Jackson is involved in a lot of political and street activism. For this work, *Dajerria All Alone*, she studied Josef Albers' writings from the 1960s and drew comparisons to the civil rights movement. The color is Albers, while the images are from police-brutality cases and landmark court decisions from the civil rights movement. The Supreme Court case *Bolling v. Sharpe* dealt with segregation in Washington, D.C.'s public schools. "McKinney Pool Party" references the **2015 incident at the Texas pool party** where a police officer restrained a black teenage girl in a bikini on the ground.

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