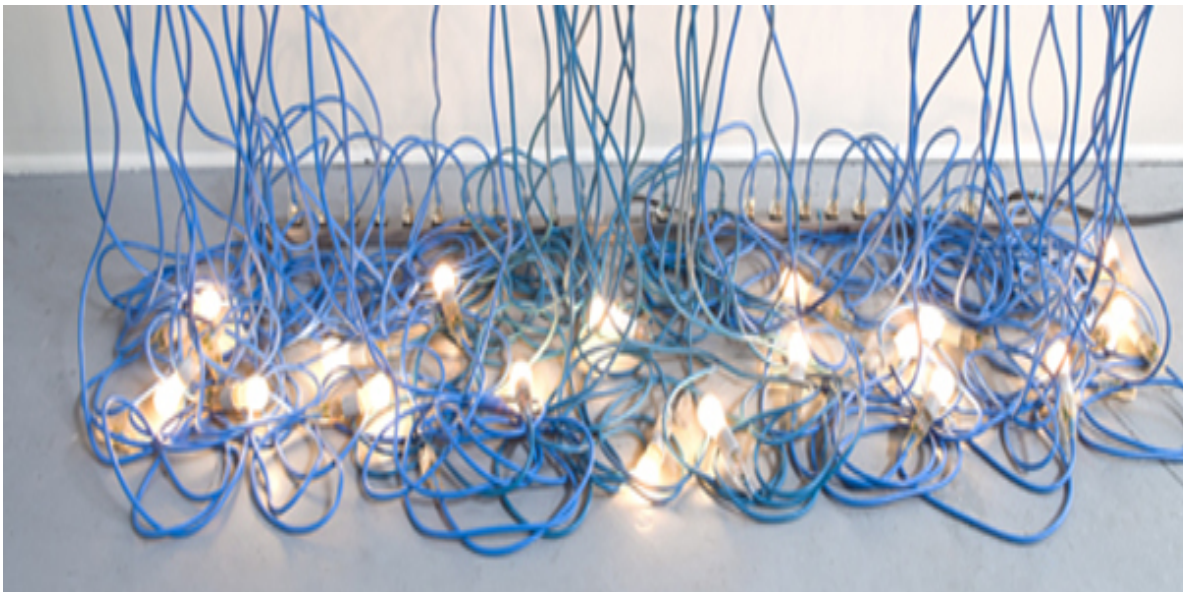


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Record Attendance, Brisk Sales and Exceptional Art Define the Opening Night of Art Market San Francisco

April 29 - May 3, 2015
Fort Mason Festival Pavilion



San Francisco, CA. May 1, 2015 – Over 7,000 Bay Area art enthusiasts celebrated the opening of Art Market San Francisco on April 29th and 30th. Kicking off with a Wednesday evening Preview Benefit for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco followed by record breaking attendance at Thursday's Art Party, the launch of the fair's fifth year began with a palpable sense of excitement in sales and atmosphere. Continuing throughout the weekend visitors will be able to partake in a full schedule of panels, talks, tours, and engaging conversations with seventy top modern and contemporary art gallerists from around the world.

The animated crowd of Bay Area collectors, curators, advisors, and art lovers that filled Fort Mason Festival Pavilion were greeted by Art Market San Francisco's ON-SITE installations - works by contemporary artists who have

collaborated with the fair to electrify the interior and exterior public spaces. Providing a space for Guerrero Gallery's program of light and sound based site specific installations, shipping containers at the entrance ushered visitors into the fair. Wanxin Zhang's panda sculpture welcoming visitors at the fair entrance was both a friendly face and an acknowledgement of neighborhood's important role in the Panama Pacific International Exposition, while just inside visitors lined up to photograph one another with Michael Buscemi's *First Glance*. Upstairs at The Battery VIP Lounge, Walter Robinson's *Fruits de Mer* and Sam Perry's lyrical wooden sculptures were highlights for VIP card holders taking respite from the opening night revelry.

The opening night parties were reason to celebrate for many new and seasoned collectors and Art Market's participating exhibitors were pleased with sales and the atmosphere of the fair's engaged crowds.

Opening highlights included:

- San Francisco's Jack Fischer Gallery's early sale of six Jay Kelly works.
- Electric Works sale of numerous, humorous Dave Eggers prints and original paintings.
- Catharine Clark Gallery's prominent sales including the placement of Wanxin Zhang sculptures with two Bay Area collectors Dorothy Saxe and Pamela and David Hornik, as well as the sale of Deborah Oropallo's *Liontamer*, and two new works by Timothy Cummings.
- The Workshop Residence's wrapping paper by Kota Ezawa, a must have for collectors of all budgets.
- Art Market San Francisco's newcomer, Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery reported the sale of numerous work by Rob Tucker and Phil Shaw. Shaw (UK-based printmaker), recently commissioned by Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron to create a work of art for attending G8 summit world leaders including President Obama, German Chancellor Merkel and Russian President Putin, is featured for the first time on the west coast at Art Market San Francisco.
- Eleanor Harwood Gallery placed several editions of Dana Hemenway's illuminated *Untitled (extension cords - two yellow) installations* in Bay

Area collections and Ever Gold Gallery sold works by Adam Parker Smith, Henry Gunderson, and Sandy Kim.

- SFAQ reported a Guy Overfelt Picasso Bong is now in an established contemporary art collection.
- New York City-based Forum Gallery reported the placement of a Robert Bauer painting with a local Bay Area collector and Joshua Liner Gallery celebrated the sale of work by Wayne White.
- Just at closing on Thursday evening, New Orleans' Jonathan Ferrara Gallery placed two Bonnie Maygarden acrylics.

The fair will continue throughout the entire weekend with a full and exciting program of events, talks and tours to compliment the works of artists from across the globe and represented by over 70 modern and contemporary galleries participating in Art Market San Francisco.

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General Fair Hours:

Saturday, May 02, 2015 - 11am to 7am

Sunday, May 03, 2015 - 12pm to 6pm

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Image Caption:

Detail of *Untitled (extension cords – blue)*, 2013 by Dana Hemenway, courtesy of Eleanor Harwood Gallery

About Art Market San Francisco:

Art Market San Francisco, the Bay Area's premier contemporary and modern art fair, will feature established galleries from around the globe bringing some of the world's most intriguing artists and galleries to San Francisco. In showcasing historically important work alongside relevant contemporary pieces and projects, Art Market San Francisco creates an ideal context for the discovery, exploration, and acquisition of art.

About Art Market Productions:

Art Market Productions is a Williamsburg, Brooklyn based production firm owned and operated by Max Fishko and Jeffrey Wainhouse. Working in concert with a talented and passionate network of dealers, curators, and arts professionals, Art Market Productions is proud to present forward thinking, progressive and successful events across the country.

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