

## **Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair announces dates and venue of the 2021 edition**

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair will take place at **Moscow's Gostiny Dvor on September 10–12, 2021** with the support of Official Partner Maison Ruinart, Automobile Partner Audi and Official Hotel St. Regis Москва Nikolskaya. The Preview of the Fair for collectors and art professionals will take place on September 9. **Applications will open in January.**

Following the successful experience of Cosmoscow 2020, the Fair will be produced in a 'hybrid' physical-and-digital format: the marquee event at Gostiny Dvor, will be complemented by **Cosmoscow Online** to be presented on the Fair's website [www.cosmoscow.com](http://www.cosmoscow.com). The Online Fair will present a greater number of galleries than those gathered at Gostiny Dvor and will have a privileged log going live before the fair days before launching for the general public following the opening at Gostiny Dvor.

### **Margarita Pushkina, Cosmoscow Founding Director:**

*"Meeting the challenge of the times, in 2020 we produced a hybrid Cosmoscow edition; by introducing the Fair online and launching blazar – satellite Young Art Fair that was also partially digitized. This allowed us to attract the attention of a larger audience and guide the selection of works of art for our visitors, who could pre-select what to see at the Fair as all works and prices were available online. Next year we will continue to develop the Cosmoscow Online platform, making it an integral part of the Fair, and present a new edition of blazar."*

Satellite fair **blazar** will take place on September 8–12 at the Museum of Moscow (2, Zubovsky Boulevard). blazar will again feature a dynamic mix of galleries, young and emerging artists who work independently, as well as educational institutions and contemporary art initiatives. An open call will be held from February to May. Further details will be announced on the website: <https://blazar.art/>.

### **Simon Rees, Cosmoscow Art Director:**

*"A principal mission of Cosmoscow is to internationalize the Russian contemporary art markets and art scenes; and each year — despite the current restrictions placed upon trace, travel trade and exchange associated with the pandemic — we find ways of growing gallery participation, professional engagement, and visitation from abroad. It's our sincerest hope and focus that 2021 will be another benchmark year for Cosmoscow in that regard as the world positively resets and we enhance our digital footprint and online experiences."*

**Emanuel Layr, Galerie Emanuel Layr:**

*"Despite the COVID-19 challenges, even not being there ourselves in person, we did have a successful 2020 edition, thanks to the Cosmoscw team and partners!"*

**Nick Koenigsknecht, Peres Projects:**

*"We have been happy to see that the 2020 edition of Cosmoscw brought new relationships and we are looking forward to building upon these in 2021."*

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**Notes to Editors:**

Further information regarding the program and participants of the 9<sup>th</sup> Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair and the 2<sup>nd</sup> blazar Young Art Fair, as well as the programs of the Cosmoscw Contemporary Art Foundation will be announced progressively throughout 2021.

**Cosmoscw**

Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair was launched by art historian, young Russian artists' patron and collector Margarita Pushkina in 2010; and brings together Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists. Cosmoscw is Russia's only international art fair taking place every September with its own spot in the international art calendar. In 2020, 62 galleries from Russia, Germany, France, Estonia, Poland, Georgia, Austria took part in the Fair. Cosmoscw 2020 welcomed 9,600 visitors – the maximum number of visitors allowed according to ministerial COVID-19 regulations.

**Cosmoscw Online**

The Cosmoscw Online platform was launched as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair and was available to users on September 7-15, 2020. During this time, more than 130,000 visits were registered on the platform. The main goal of the online version of the Fair is to provide gallery owners with an additional tool for building direct communication with clients, and to give visitors the opportunity to explore virtual stands of galleries and purchase art in a comfortable and safe atmosphere.

**The most notable international Cosmoscw exhibitors in 2010-2020:**

Beck & Eggeling, Dusseldorf (2014); Blain|Southern, London (2015); Campoli Presti, London/Paris (2014); Canepaneri, Milan (2019); Contemporary Fine Arts, Berlin (2010); Dawid Radziszewski Gallery, Warsaw (2018-2019); Galería Javier López & Fer Francés, Madrid (2014-2016); Galerie Emanuel Layr, Vienna/Rome (2019); galerie frank elbaz, Paris (2019); Georg Kargl Fine Arts, Vienna (2019); Giorgio Persano Gallery, Torino (2019); HORS-CADRE, Paris (2020); LOCUS, Oslo (2017-2019); Massimo De Carlo, London/Milan (2014); Michael Werner Gallery, New York/Berlin (2014); Peres Projects, Berlin (2019-2020); Raster Gallery, Warsaw (2017-2018, 2020); Sprueth Magers, Berlin/London/Los Angeles (2010); Temnikova & Kasela, Tallinn (2014-2020); Z20 Sara Zanin Gallery, Roma (2019).

**International galleries that participated in Cosmoscw Online 2020:**

Almine Rech, Belgium; Galería Karen Huber, Mexico; LOCUS, Norway, NK Gallery, Russia/Belgium; SIRIN Copenhagen, Denmark; TIM VAN LAERE GALLERY, Belgium; White Space Gallery, UK. Further details: [www.cosmoscw.com/ru/galleries/](http://www.cosmoscw.com/ru/galleries/).

**blazar**

Young Contemporary Art Fair blazar is the official satellite of the Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair. In 2020, the blazar fair was first held at the Museum of Moscow, becoming a special project of the VII International Biennale for Young Art. 12 galleries and 6 educational institutions participated with more than 400 works by 67 artists shown. More than 3 600 people attended the fair.

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## Ruinart

Maison Ruinart was established in 1729 in the Age of Enlightenment. Today Ruinart is committed to contemporary art revealing audacious vision and innovative, immersive experiences. In 1896, the Maison cooperated with young Czech artist Alphonse Mucha: he designed an advertising poster glorifying the highest quality of Ruinart champagne. The art-work sparked a furore and made history as a magnificent example of Art Nouveau. Since then, Ruinart is inseparably related to con-temporary art: the Maison works with the worlds' best artists and supports large exhibitions around the world. In the last 10 years, Ruinart collaborated with Maarten de Baat, Nacho Carbonell, Gideon Rubin, Herve Van Der Straeten, Pete Hein Eek, George Russell, Hubert le Gall, Erwin Olaf, India Mahdavi, Patricia Urquiola, Nendo, Ron Arad, Jaime Plensa and Liu Bolin who have created a great number of unique pieces of art.

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