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5 Artists Making Waves At Art Basel Hong Kong 2021

Vogue Hong Kong talks to five of the artists exhibiting at Art Basel Hong Kong 2021. From sculptures and oil paintings to mechanical works, find out more about the inspiration behind the art, and how these artists feel about their work

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Huma Bhabha – David Kordansky Gallery



Portrait of Huma Bhabha by Elyse Harary. Photo Courtesy of David Kordansky Gallery, Los Angeles

For those who enjoy sculpture, don't miss Pakistani-American contemporary artist Huma Bhabha's work on display in the David Kordansky Gallery area. The artist, who lives in Poughkeepsie, New York, has spent over 25 years creating objects, drawings, and other works of various shapes capturing the strangeness and vulnerability of the contemporary human figure. These twisted, roughly constructed works are inspired by both ancient and modern culture, exuding an almost satirical humour while addressing pressing issues of our time.

Vogue Hong Kong: Where do you find inspiration for the artwork you will be showing in Art Basel Hong Kong?

Huma Bhabha: Past and future, war and peace, tragedy and comedy.

Vogue Hong Kong: With art being a form of communication, could you share what you want visitors to take away from your artwork?

Huma Bhabha: Ideally I would like the viewers to make elastic connections with the works that are not merely visual, but also spatial, temporal, and psychological.

Vogue Hong Kong: What does creating art mean to you during this difficult time/new normal?

Huma Bhabha: Creating art is a solitary activity and some of the best ideas come when you least expect. I lead a pretty isolated life in a small town so the new normal is the old normal for me.