

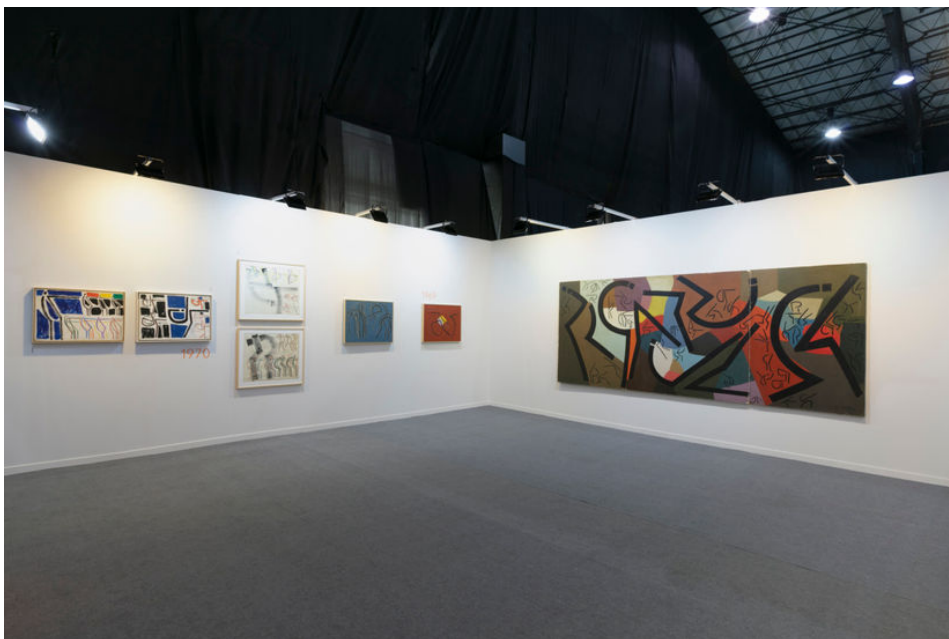
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## Highlights From Beirut Art Fair's 10th Anniversary

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*Beirut Art Fair, Unexpected Trove - The Unseen Works of Hussein Madi (Rome 1964-1970).*

Founded in 2010, Beirut Art Fair is an international modern and contemporary art fair with a focus on Middle East and Mediterranean art. A major event in the art fair calendar, the fair, anchored in Lebanon, attracts collectors, institutions, art professionals and visitors from around the world, totaling 36,000 entries last year.

Running for its 10th edition this year, Beirut Art Fair 2019 ran from 18-22 September, and brought together an impressive 50 Lebanese and international galleries in attendance, showcasing works of modern and contemporary art from over 380 artists. Alongside Beirut Art Fair, Beirut Art Week was running concurrently, offering art enthusiasts extensive VIP programmes, conferences, and roundtables on modern and contemporary art in the Lebanese capital.

### Unexpected Trove - The Unseen Works of Hussein Madi



*Installation view of LEBANON MODERN! Unexpected Trove - The Unseen Works of Hussein Madi (Rome 1964-1970).*

Curated by Abed Al Kadiri, the exhibition featured rare paintings by Lebanese artist Hussein Madi (b. 1938), showcasing 47 never-exhibited-before landscape paintings, produced by the artist between 1964 and 1970 when he first visited Rome. These artworks, now part of the Mazen and Loulia Soueid collection, were assumed lost for almost forty years before they resurfaced, revealing Italian-Labnese exchanges through a collection of sketches and paintings fundamental to Madi's artistic route.

### The Sensitive Sea



*© Ange Leccia, Marissa, 2016. Video. Courtesy of the artist and galerie Jousse Entreprise, Paris.*

'The Sensitive Sea' is a video program birthed out of a visual dialogue between Labanese and Western scenes around the theme of the sea. Present in both Western and Oriental lietrature, the showcase bridged both cultures across the Mediterranean, highlighting the sea as a contemporary artistic motif, as well as showcased the many ways to approach it.

REVEALING by SGBL



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To celebrate ten years of Beirut Art Fair, REVEALING by SGBL was an exhibition of 10 emerging artists from the MENA region, selected by curator Rachel Dedman. It gave a voice to these emerging talents, and provided them with privileged access to art professionals and collectors.

"There is no unifying theme to the platform. However, each artist's work reflects—and in many case addresses—the range of personal, political and socio-economic conditions in which we live today across the MENA region. In this sense, REVEALING by SGBL bears witness to some of the urgencies and issues governing society, and the interests shaping artistic practice." — Rachel Dedman, curator of REVEALING by SGBL 2019.

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Having celebrated its 10th anniversary, Beirut prevails today as a hyperactive artistic hub, where cultural initiatives multiply, stemming from institutions, museums, contemporary art centers, foundations, and from energetic galleries and collectors.

For more information on Beirut's art scene, click [here](#).

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