

FOG DESIGN+ART OPENS WITH BRISK SALES AND BUSTLING CROWDS AT SOLD-OUT PREVIEW GALA

January 22, 2025, 4–10 pm, Fort Mason Center for Arts and Culture, San Francisco

San Francisco, CA (January 23, 2025)—FOG Design+Art opened last night with a sold-out Preview Gala at Fort Mason Center for Arts and Culture, benefitting the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA)'s exhibitions and education programs. Members of the creative community from around the world gathered to celebrate art and culture, with more than 2,000 guests in attendance, including dealers, curators, collectors, and leaders from the art, design, business and tech communities.

Exhibitors reported brisk sales and energetic crowds on the eve of the fair's opening and expressed enthusiasm for FOG Design+Art and the Bay Area art community.

"It was an exciting evening to welcome so many people to the FOG Design+Art Preview Gala to celebrate the fair and support SFMOMA's extraordinary programs," said Sydney Blumenkranz, Director of FOG Design+Art. "Each year the FOG Preview Gala gets more exceptional, and this year was no different. We are grateful for the guest turn-out, the exhibitor sales, and the joyous spirit of the evening. Last night felt like a fantastic way to kick off what is certain to be a spectacular edition of FOG."

Among the highlights of the evening was the debut of FOG MRKT, a curated installation and retail space in the fair's entryway featuring local purveyors 500 Capp Street, Blunk Space, JOYE / Jesse Schlesinger, Len Carella, Permanent Collection, and Quince & Co. Visitors also enjoyed the return of FOG FOCUS, the fair's dedicated platform for galleries presenting solo presentations by emerging and underrepresented artists. The space also included a special film screening by Doug Aitken and the BOG bookshop, bringing together books and goods by 30 artist-run publishers.

Notable attendees the Preview Gala included the FOG Design+Art Steering committee: Douglas Durkin, Brittany Pattner, Sarah Wendell Sherrill, and Susan Swig; as along with the FOG FOCUS host committee Azzurra Alliata di Montereale, Matt Farron, Lauren Ford, Emma Hanley, Pamela Hornik, Sophia Kinell, Chris Perez; advisory committee Stanlee Gatti and Katie Paige; and honorary co-chairs Evans Hankey and Brook Lane, and Jim Abrams and Mario Russo as well as:

Diana Nelson and John Atwater

Christopher Bedford, SFMOMA director

JD Beltran, artist, commissioner

Mike Buhler, Fort Mason Sabrina Buell and Yves Béhar Wayee Chu and Ethan Beard

Chuck Collins

Penny and James Coulter Bob and Randi Fisher

Mimi Haas

David Howse, CCA Michael Jang, artist

Maria Jenson, SOMArts Director

Isaac Julien, artist

Kerry King, Contemporary Jewish Museum

Mayor Daniel Lurie and Becca Prowda

Abby Turin and Jonathan Gans

Komal Shah and Gaurav Garg William and Vanessa Getty Mike and Kaitlyn Krieger

Soyoung Lee, Asian Art Museum Jason Linetzky, Anderson Collection Maria Manetti Shrem, Manetti Shrem

Museum

Richard Misrach, artist Cheryl Riley, artist

Veronica Roberts, Cantor Arts Center

Mari Robles, YBCA Muzae Sesay, Artist

Monetta White, MoAD Director Julie Rodrigues Widholm, BAMPFA

Chelsea Ryoko Wong, artist

Sonya Yu

FOG Design+Art

January 23-36, 2025 Fort Mason Festival Pavilion

Thursday, January 23–Saturday, January 25, 2025: 11:00 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 2025: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Single day tickets are \$40 (plus fees). Four-day tickets are \$85 (plus fees).

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and Whitewall.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

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For additional information about the FOG Design+Art fair please visit www.fogfair.com. For additional information about the SFMOMA benefit events at FOG, please visit sfmoma.org/fog. For press inquiries, please contact Abby Margulies at Abby@abbymargulies.com or 614-827-5810.