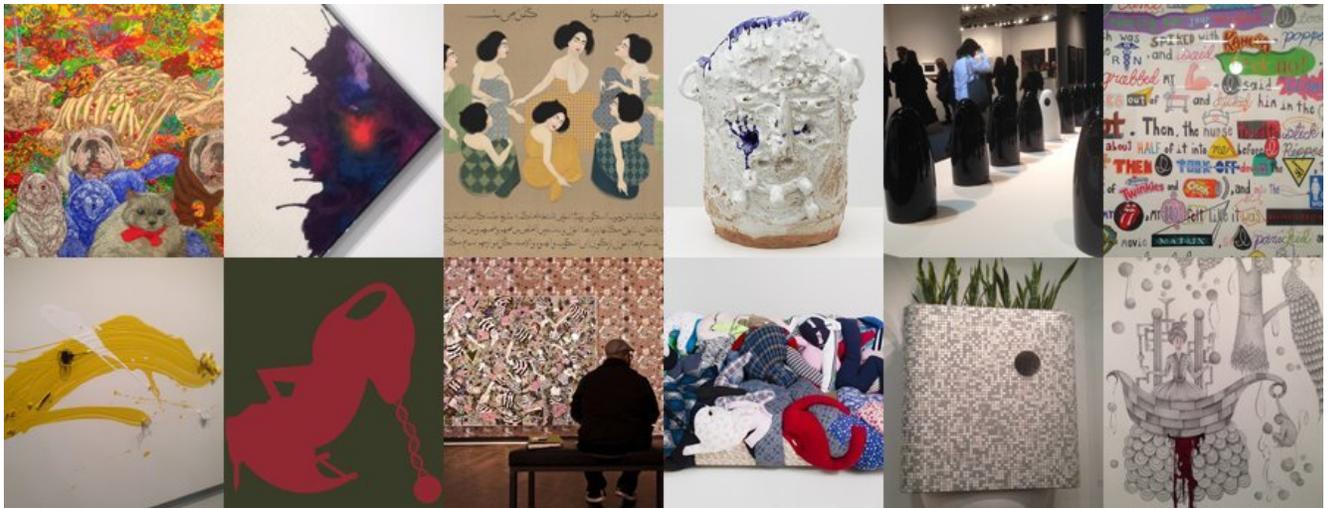


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13 Artists You Should Fall In Love With This Spring

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Armory Arts week is over, leaving New York a bit of time to recover until, well, May rolls around and Frieze comes to town. While we relish these moments of solitude, it seems as good a time as ever to look ahead at a new season of shows, exhibitions, and emerging art.

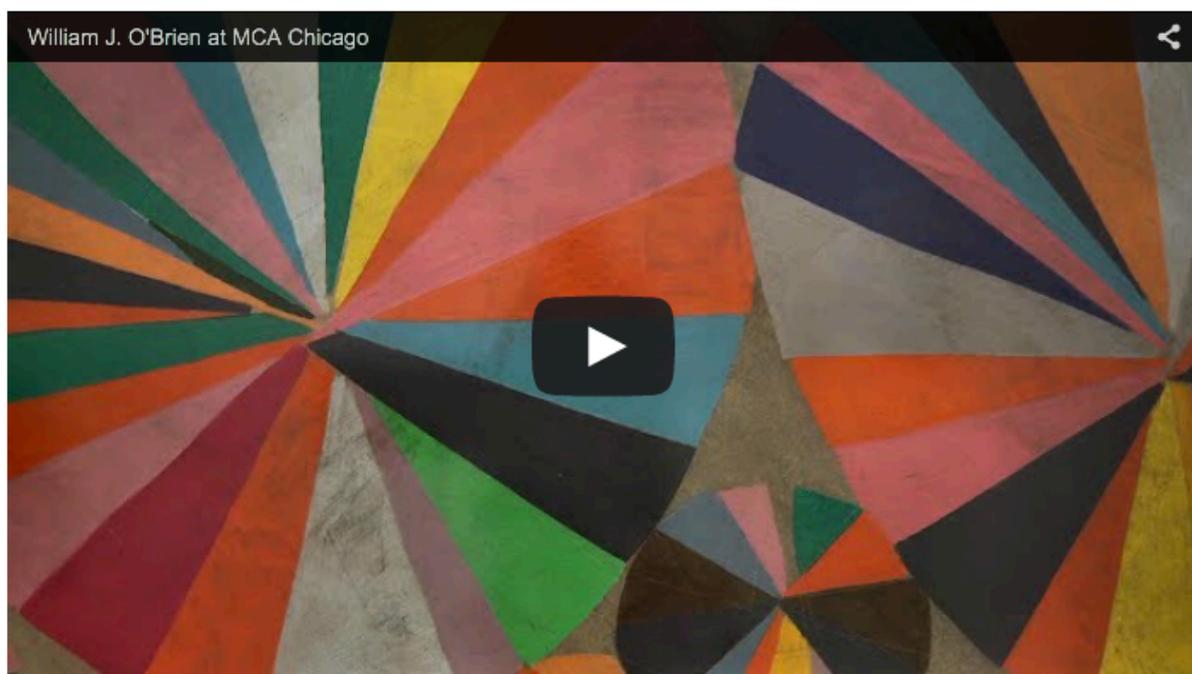
So, in the wake of our Armory Show enthusiasm, we've rounded up our favorite artists from last week's festivities, most of whom are planning big things this year. Whether the artist is relatively new to the scene or fairly established, they're touring the globe with solo projects and group shows worth checking out. From the Iraq-born painter Hayv Kahraman to the moving image master Brian Bress to the sculptural oddities of William J. O'Brien, behold: our guide to the artists you should watch out for this spring.



Andisheh Avini, Untitled, Ink on carpet, 2014. Photo taken during Armory Week courtesy of Katherine Brooks

4. Andisheh Avini Iranian-American artist Andisheh Avini is known for his silk-screened visions and Persian carpet-inspired fiber works that resemble Rorschach inkblots that eerily bleed, bunch and creep. He has a thing for skulls as well, but we are particularly fascinated with his ink and marquetry on wood -- pieces that mimic portals to another world, portals holding back masses that are attempting to burst forth with each stroke of color.

Avini was previously on view as part of the Marianne Boesky booth at the Armory Show. He doesn't have any 2015 shows in the books yet (read: posted to his gallery's website), so he's definitely one to watch out for.



8. William J. O'Brien Whether William J. O'Brien is working in felt, ink, coated steel, colored pencil or glazed ceramic, the artist has a consistent flair for saturated color and kid-friendly forms. His sculptures, also on view at the Marianne Boesky Gallery booth at the Armory Show, were a big hit, almost constantly the focal point of an Instagram by intrigued fair goers.

You can see more of O'Brien in a solo show at Susanne Hilberry Gallery in Michigan from March 21 to May 9, 2015.