

## 57th Venice Biennale Reveals List of Participating Artists

See whose work will be on display at “Viva Arte Viva” this summer.

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A general view outside the best national pavilion for ‘Armenity: Contemporary Artists from the Armenian Diaspora,’ held at the Mekhitarist Monastery on the Island of San Lazzaro degli Armeni on May 9, 2015 in Venice, Italy. Photo courtesy Awakening/Getty Images.

The 57th Venice Biennale released the list of participating artists for its main exhibition today, revealing the 120 artists—compared to last year’s 136—whose work will comprise “Viva Arte Viva,” curated by Christine Macel.

Macel’s vision for “Viva Arte Viva” is that it be made with, by, and for artists, emphasizing the artist’s role in mediating contemporary society.

“In a world full of conflicts and jolts, in which humanism is being seriously jeopardized, art is the most precious part of the human being,” she said in a September statement.

A number of artists are featured who have received major institutional exhibitions or prizes recently, like Kader Attia, winner of the 2016 Prix Marcel Duchamp; Philippe Parreno, who currently has a large-scale commission on view at the Tate Modern; or Anri Sala, who had a major survey at the New Museum in 2016. Also included is artist and politician Edi Rama, who’s been the prime minister of Albania since 2013.

Young artists (born after 1985) get their due in the form of Rachel Rose, who broke into the big leagues in 2015 with her video “Everything and More” at the Whitney in New York, or video artist Agnieszka Polska, who has shown at European institutions and different biennales, but nothing on the scale of Venice.

Julian Charrière, whose collaboration with Julius von Bismarck was featured in the 2012 Venice Architecture Biennale; Petrit Halilaj, who represented Kosovo at the 2013 Venice Biennale; and Achraf Touloub, whose work is in the permanent collections of the Centre Pompidou and the Deutsche Bank Collection, also fit the “young” description. But one ambitious duo is surprisingly younger than the rest: Issay Rodriguez and Katherine Nuñez, born in 1991 and 1992, are featured on the list.

Of course, established name like Olafur Eliasson, Frances Stark, and Alicja Kwade are expected. However, the most surprising name on the list is American cult filmmaker John Waters, who rose to fame in the 1970s for his intentionally-offensive films, but has since

See the full list below:

ADER, Bas Jan  
 AL SAADI, Abdullah  
 ALADAG, Nevin  
 ANTUNES, Leonor  
 ARAEEN, Rasheed  
 ARANCIO, Salvatore  
 ATIKU, Jelili  
 ATLAS, Charles  
 ATTIA, Kader  
 ÁVILA FORERO, Marcos  
 BANERJEE, Rina  
 BEUTLER, Michael  
 \*BINION, McArthur  
 BLACK, Karla  
 BLANK, Irma  
 BLAZY, Michel  
 BRUSCKY, Paulo  
 BUCHER, Heidi  
 CALAND, Huguette  
 CHARRIÈRE, Julian  
 CIACCIOFERA, Michele  
 CORDIANO, Martín  
 CSÖRGO, Attila  
 CURNIER JARDIN, Pauline  
 DANZ, Mariechen  
 DEKYNDT, Edith  
 DÍAZ MORALES, Sebastián  
 DOWNEY, Juan  
 ELIASSON, Olafur  
 ENGSTED, Søren  
 FIŠKIN, Vadim  
 GARCÍA URIBURU, Nicolás  
 GENG, Jianyi  
 GILLIAM, Sam  
 GRIFFA, Giorgio  
 GUAN, Xiao  
 GUARNERI, Riccardo

GUTIÉRREZ, Cynthia  
 HAINS, Raymond  
 HAJAS, Tibor  
 HALILAJ, Petrit  
 HALPRIN, Anna  
 HAO, Liang  
 HERÁCLITO, Ayrson  
 HICKS, Sheila  
 HOPE, Andy  
 KASPER, Dawn  
 KHAN, Hassan  
 KIM, Sung Hwan  
 KONATÉ, Abdoulaye  
 KORINA, Irina  
 KWADE, Alicja  
 LAI, Firenze  
 LAI, Maria  
 LANCETA, Teresa  
 LATHAM, John  
 LEE, Mingwei  
 LEIBOVICI, Franck  
 LEWITT, Sam  
 LIU, Jianhua  
 LIU, Ye  
 MAKHACHEVA, Taus  
 MALLUH, Maha  
 MARWAN  
 MATSUTANI, Takesada  
 MEDALLA, David  
 MILLER, Dan  
 MILLER, Peter  
 MIRALDA Antoni, RABASCALL Joan, SELZ  
 Dorothee, XIFRA Jaume  
 MONDRIAN FAN CLUB (David Medalla &  
 Adam Nankervis)  
 MURESAN, Ciprian  
 NENGUDI, Senga  
 NETO, Ernesto  
 NUÑEZ Katherine & RODRIGUEZ, Issay

OHO

PARRENO, Philippe  
 PICH, Sopheap  
 PLNY, Luboš  
 POGACNIK, Marko  
 POLSKA, Agnieszka  
 POOTOOGOOK, Kananginak  
 PORTER, Liliana  
 QUINLAN, Eileen  
 RAHMOUN, Younès  
 RAMA, Edi  
 RAMÍREZ, Enrique  
 RAMÍREZ-FIGUEROA, Naufus  
 ROSE, Rachel  
 SALA, Anri  
 SÁNCHEZ, Zilia  
 SAPOUNTZIS, Yorgos  
 SCOTT, Judith  
 SHARIF, Hassan  
 SHAVER, Nancy  
 SHAW, Jeremy  
 SHERK, Bonnie Ora  
 SHIMABUKU  
 SMITH, Kiki  
 STARK, Frances  
 STILINOVIC, Mladen  
 STOLTE, Fiete  
 STUART, Michelle  
 SUGA, Kishio  
 TANAKA, Koki  
 TENGER, Hale  
 THE PLAY  
 TOULOUB, Achraf  
 TRAN, Thu Van  
 UPRITCHARD, Francis  
 VERZUTTI, Erika  
 VOIGNIER, Marie  
 VOROBYEVA Yelena & VOROBYEV Viktor  
 WAHEED, Hajra  
 WALTHER, Franz Erhard  
 WATERS, John  
 WEST, Franz  
 WYN EVANS, Cerith  
 YEESOOKYUNG  
 ZHOU, Tao

