In less than one month, artists, curators, critics and collectors from around the world will flock to Miami Beach, Florida for traveling international art festival, Art Basel. From December 3 until December 6, Miami Beach will be the epicenter of the international art world, hosting one of the globe’s largest celebrations of art and culture.

From convention halls filled with innovative artwork, to star studded evenings spent socializing in the balmy Miami breeze, Art Basel might feel intimidating. The international art exhibit alone will showcase 267 galleries from 32 countries, and works by over 4,000 artists.

If you don’t know where to start, here are some must-see art events happening during this year’s Art Basel Miami.
Trevor Paglen and Jenny Holzer Discuss Information and Communication

Basel’s morning “Conversations” series is a venue for art world influencers to discuss their ideas, work, collections and exhibitions in front of an interactive audience.

This year’s “Conversations” include artists Jenny Holzer, Trevor Paglan, Hank Willis Thomas, and curators Jens Hoffmann, Hans Ulrich Obrist, and Beatrix Ruf.

Jenny Holzer, beloved for her large-scale public text artworks, will kick off the series with artist Trevor Paglan on December 3rd. Paglan is known for photographing secret government sites and airplanes used to secretly fly terrorism suspects to undisclosed locations.

Holzer and Paglan will discuss the condition of the current information and communication environment, moderated by Deep Lab founder Kate Crawford.

Conversations is held daily from Thursday, December 3, to Sunday, December 6, Hall C auditorium. Panel discussions take place between 10am and 11am, followed by 30 minutes of questions from the audience.
Adrien Brody Debuts "Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Handguns"

Academy Award-winning actor Adrien Brody is to debut his series of pop art paintings titled "Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Handguns" at Lulu Laboratorium. The pop-up show opens December 2 and is being organized by Domingo Zapata. Brody’s work will examine the relationship between violence and fast food culture.

Brody is an avid art collector who has been an Art Basel fixture in previous years.

"Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Handguns" opens December 2 at Lulu Laboratorium. 173 NW 23rd St, Miami, FL 33127. (305) 438-0071

Deitch and Gagosian Collaborate For Unrealism

In a move deeply surprising to the art world, notoriously competitive gallerists Jeffrey Deitch and Larry Gagosian have joined forces to present Unrealism, a joint exhibit of figurative painting from the '80s and '90s. The show-- happening at the Miami design district’s Moore Building-- will feature work from Tala Madani, Jamian Juliano-Villani, John Currin and David Salle.

Unrealism opens December 1 and will be on view through Art Basel Miami Beach 2015, from December 3 through 6, at the Moore Building: 3481 NE Second Ave., Miami; 305-531-8700; bridgehouseevents.com.
‘You’ve Got to Know the Rules...to Break Them’

New American Abstraction meets German Neo-Expressionism in the de la Cruz Collection’s ‘You’ve Got to Know the Rules...to Break Them’. The work will be displayed in the 30,000-square-foot de la Cruz Contemporary Art Space in the Design District.

Prolific collectors Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz bust boundaries through this show, with a nod to minimalism, conceptualism and abstract expressionism, while acknowledging the undeniable influence of technology and consumerism on the work of the artist.

23 NE 41st St, Miami, FL 33137. (305) 576-6112

Evening Film Program In SoundScape Park

If you feel like taking a break from parties, relax and catch Basel’s evening film program in SoundScape Park. Watch films from James Crump, Janet Biggs, Jumana Manna and more on the 7,000 square-foot outdoor projection wall of Frank Gehry’s New World Center. Just bring a blanket or a lawn chair.

The evening film program is curated by David Gryn, Director of Artprojx and Daata Editions.

The New World Center. 500 17th St, Miami Beach, FL 33139