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As all the magic and madness of Frieze Art Fair comes to Los Angeles for the first time, we give you a glimpse of six artists to look out for among the booths and installations.

This weekend, Frieze opens its inaugural Los Angeles Art Fair at Paramount Studios in Hollywood. Local and international galleries will be bringing the work of thousands of artists to their booths on the main site. Alongside this will be installations, screenings, performances and much more across the warehouses and backlots of the home of cinema.

Bettina Korek, the Executive Director of the fair, has been keen to highlight the themes of fiction and reality, illusion and truth, which are common to filmmaking and fine art.

"All across the Paramount Backlot in a set built to be a stand-in for a real city, curated artist projects illustrate Los Angeles's vibrant interplay of artifice and reality," she says in Frieze's press release. "The Backlot provides fairgoers a special opportunity to wander this 'non-place' where other worlds are produced and imagine a city where art is at the center of the conversation."

The main site's tent is built over a sunken expanse which has previously been filled with over one million gallons of water for large aquatic scenes in blockbuster films like *The Ten Commandments* (1956) and *Waterworld* (1995). Maybe this post-diluvian image is fitting as Frieze launch into the brave new world of their Los Angeles fair.

Outside of the main site, visitors can find the curated mini-cityscape of The Backlot, with creative

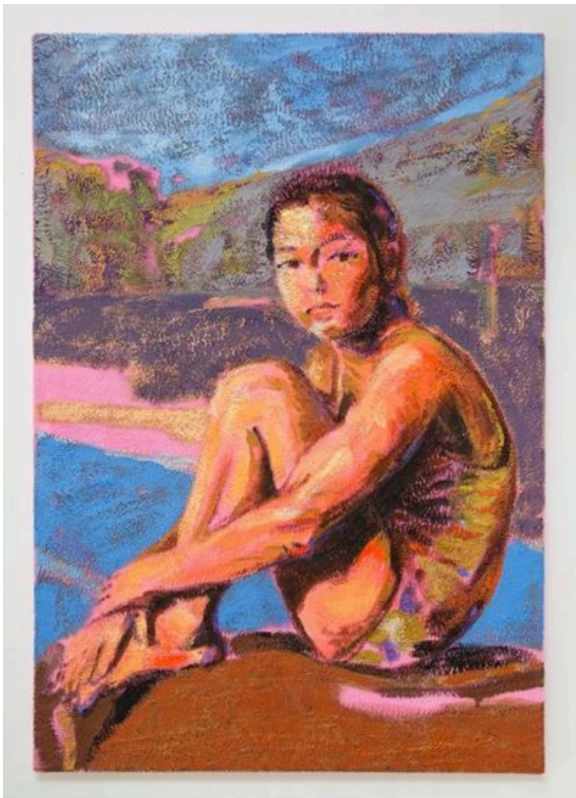
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approaches to retail and service alongside performances and installations by local artists. Also very exciting is the prospect of Frieze Projects, a space for experimental artists to show work outside of the traditional 'booth' format. Frieze Projects curator, Ali Subotnick, promises work that will "grapple with a land of make-believe".

This very first Frieze LA is likely to be explosive, colorful, vibrant, and a little crazy. There are almost literally countless artists on show, with a broad range of extraordinary works to see. As a tiny taster for visitors, here are six artists whose work you shouldn't miss.

Claire Tabouret



Represented by [Night Gallery](#), Claire Tabouret is a French-born painter local to Los Angeles. Her luscious application of acrylic paints has an impasto feel to it, making her explorations of the female form all the more embodied and tangible. Often sexy and always potent, her paintings have an exquisite command of color and form.

In October 2018, her painting *Silence* (2016) [exceeded its estimate](#) to sell for \$53,000 at a [Sotheby's](#) Contemporary sale in London, her only significant sale at auction. A high profile appearance at Frieze LA could help stimulate the market for her works.