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### Art Fairs

## Collectors Flock to Comfort Food at Frieze New York, With Early Sales of a \$1.3 Million Baselitz and Paintings of Interiors

Dealers welcomed crowds of eager buyers as Frieze New York returned to the Shed for the second year running.

**Eileen Kinsella**, May 19, 2022

How much art can New York absorb?

It's a question at the forefront for many during the third week of a spring marathon in the city, which kicked off with the newly christened New York Art Week on May 4 and continued with an onslaught of evening auctions. This week, sales at Sotheby's and Phillips go head to head with Frieze New York, which returned to the Shed in Hudson Yards for the second year in a row. The New York version of the British fair launched a decade ago in a bespoke tent on Randall's Island, but moved to the mainland after a lockdown-induced hiatus.

The VIP preview on Wednesday was abuzz but not frenzied thanks to timed entry. Attendees included collectors Phil and Shelley Fox Aarons, actor Leonardo DiCaprio, high-powered art advisors Patricia Marshall and Allan Schwartzman, and artist Henry Taylor. The fair hosted a slimmed-down roster of 65 galleries (a dramatic cut from its 190-plus in the tent).

It didn't take long after the opening bell for reports of sales to start coming in—likely in part because dealers had done a substantial amount of legwork to presell or reserve works in advance. Many of the works that found buyers early were typical art-fair fare: brand names or hot young things.

“The Shed was once again buzzing with the unparalleled energy of New York, and our sales were a testament to this,” Emmanuel Perrotin told Artnet News. “We had 14 pieces on the day one booth that all sold out.”

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*Saturday Morning* (2022) one of Ann Buckwalter's "Kitchen" paintings at Rachel Uffner at Frieze New York. Photo by Eileen Kinsella

At Rachel Uffner, Anne Buckwalter's charming and highly detailed paintings of interiors (note the Wonder Bread bag on the counter below) were drawing intense interest. Ten of them sold for prices ranging from \$7,000 to \$14,000 each.

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