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Public Sculpture's Place in the Sun at Art Basel in Miami Beach

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Aaron Curry, "Untitled (2 sculptures)," 2013

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Collins Park, near the Miami Beach Convention Center — where **Art Basel in Miami Beach** is currently in residence — is a hot spot for public art. This year, the fair's **Public** sector features 29 large-scale works in the park, in an exhibition called "Social Animals" that was curated by **Nicholas Baume**, the director and chief curator of the Public Art Fund in New York. "It was all done very quickly," he told Blouin ARTINFO, "but I think it came together well."

The show, installed in front of the Bass Museum of Art, includes works by **Carol Bove, Olaf Breuning, Mark di Suvero, Tom Friedman, Sam Falls, Jeppe Hein, Michelle Lopez** and **Thomas Houseago**. Sculptor **Ursula von Rydingsvard**, who was spotted enjoying fellow artists' work and checking on her own, praised Baume's line-up, telling him and ARTINFO she's "so happy it's not the usual cast of characters. It's fresh. It's refreshing."

Unlike in previous years, many of the sculptures will remain up in Collins Park through March, thanks to grant funding from the Knight Foundation.