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Arts calendar 2017: Exhibitions, conferences & other events

What does 2017 have in store in terms of conferences and events, exhibitions, art fairs and festivals? We take a month-by-month look at what the year has to offer – and we'll be adding new events for later in the year as they're confirmed.



MAY

Contemporary Art Society Annual Conference

This annual conference organised by the Contemporary Art Society explores how museums can work to engage with wider audiences and add value to their displays. It will look at strategies including inviting artists to curate collections and innovative partnerships to open collections to new audiences through digital technologies.

Date and venue tbc.

www.contemporaryartsociety.org

The London Original Print Fair

Held at the Royal Academy of Arts, the London Original Print Fair is London's longest running art fair. It features a vast array of printmaking, ranging from old woodcuts by Dürer to the latest works by contemporary artists.

4-7 May, Royal Academy of Arts, London.

www.londonprintfair.com

Venice Biennale

The 57th edition of the world's most famous art biennale will be curated by Christine Macel, chief curator at Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou. Titled 'Viva Arte Viva', there will be a particular focus on creating dialogue between visitors and the artists exhibiting through a special programme of meetings and events. This year's British Pavilion features [Phyllida Barlow](#), while Scotland + Venice is represented by [Rachel Maclean](#) and Wales in Venice by [James Richards](#).

13 May – 26 November, various venues, Venice, Italy.

www.labiennale.org

a-n Artist members can apply for our [Venice Biennale Bursaries](#) to attend the preview days on 10-12 May. Deadline: 12 noon Thursday 12 January 2017.

California

This show looks at how user interface designers in the Bay Area are shaping some of our most common daily experiences. Picking up the story in the 1960s, the exhibition charts the journey from the counterculture to Silicon Valley's tech culture.

24 May – 15 October, The Design Museum, London.

www.designmuseum.org