

Art

The 20 Best Booths at Frieze London

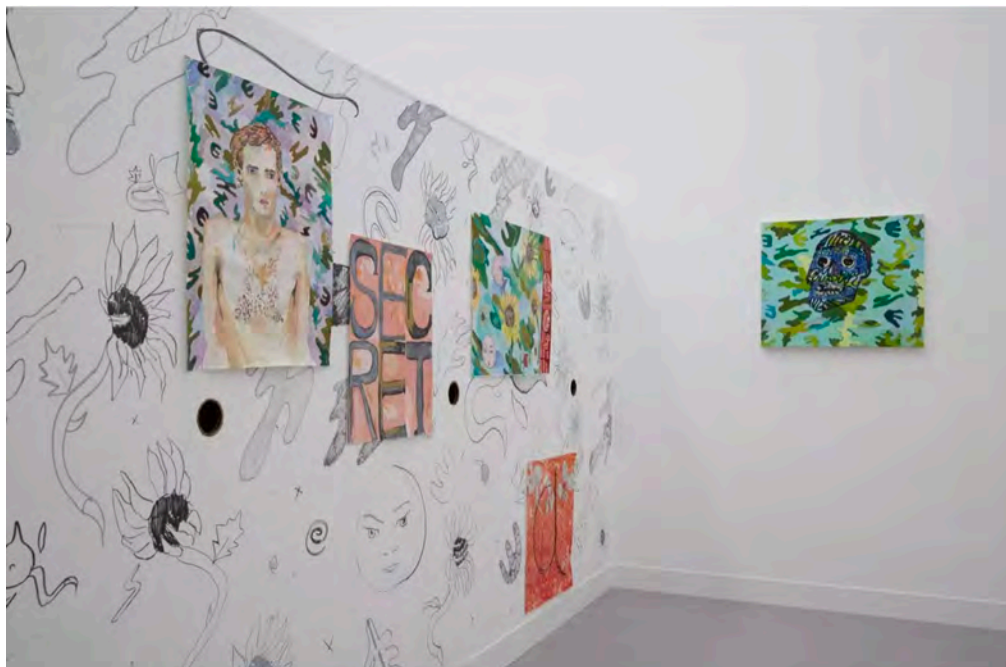
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Martos Gallery

Focus, Booth H29

With works by Alex Chaves



Installation view of Martos Gallery's booth at Frieze London, 2016. Photo by Benjamin Westoby for Artsy.

Why you should stop

After a lauded (and sold-out) solo show at Martos Gallery in New York this spring, 28-year-old painter Alex Chaves's new portraits and still lifes stand out amongst the figurative work at the fair, not only for their boldly colored patterns—such as camouflage and florals—but for the suggestive meaning behind them. One work features a wall with three “glory holes” emblazoned with Chaves's hand, as well as a drawing that reads “SECRET” and works on paper that create an intimate vignette that's unexpected in the booth of an art fair. This Thursday, the artist will be giving readings at the booth: one taking place at 12:10pm and the other at 2:10pm.