



With the spring art season comes a slew of gallery exhibitions, museum shows, and art fairs brimming with the latest crop of young artists. In preparation, we consulted hundreds of galleries and sifted through thousands of artworks to uncover the 30 most promising up-and-coming artists across the globe.

The artists listed below hail from Beijing to Beirut, Cape Town to Kathmandu. They are showing at fairs from Art Cologne to LISTE; in exhibitions from MFA shows to biennials; and their diverse practices span choreography, virtual reality, painting, and more. Five standouts, including a Studio Museum in Harlem resident and an artist currently filming in the jungles of Brazil, have been profiled in greater depth.

Valentina Liernur

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B. 1978 in Buenos Aires. Lives and works in São Paulo and Buenos Aires.

On view this spring:

Solo show at Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York



Installation view of "Valentina Liernur: CORRUZIONE" at Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York, 2014. Photo courtesy of the artist and Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York.

Liernur has been incorporating denim into her practice since 2011, when a designer friend handed her leftover fabric swatches. Now she uses the material as a canvas—distressed, stitched, bleached, even pockmarked with holes large enough to allow a glimpse of the wooden frame beneath. The first of these works appeared in a solo show with Campoli Presti in 2014, titled “ahh...ah...” in reference to a 1980s Argentine commercial in which a model sighs sensually as she pulls on a pair of tight blue jeans. More recently, the gallery showed Liernur at this year’s miart in Milan; the Argentinian artist will also unveil new figurative paintings in a solo exhibition at Reena Spaulings later this spring.