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For more than 30 years, the venerable Art Chicago—founded in 1980 as North America's answer to the annual contemporary exposition in Basel, Switzerland—has made its mark on the global scene as a showcase for premier dealers from around the world and a yearly destination for serious collectors. It has also weathered changes in management, venues and scope, evolving into today's much-anticipated trio of fairs. Housed under the umbrella of "Artropolis," the festival is a celebration of arts, antiques and culture at the colossal, historic Merchandise Mart building in Chicago's Loop.

Anchored by Art Chicago and NEXT (the Invitational Exhibition of Emerging Art, a perennial source for cutting-edge, affordable works), and combined with the Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair, Artropolis is a unique opportunity to experience an astounding variety of contemporary art and timeless antiques under one roof. This year, NEXT and Art Chicago will be jointly produced on the same floor of the Mart, allowing fairgoers to move freely between gallery booths exhibiting masters of modernism and those who specialize in fresh-out-of-art-school experimentalism. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy a festival atmosphere—parties, special programs, performances and more—not only at the fairs, but throughout the city at our many museums, galleries and other cultural venues, as the entire community rolls out the red carpet for art lovers.

—Audrey Michelle Mast

Artropolis: Art Chicago, NEXT, Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair:

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