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**ArtPadSF and 'artMRKT' opening this week in San Francisco (Photos)**

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Work Donated by Catharine Clark Gallery for auction  
Credit: @the artist/the gallery

*[artMRKT San Francisco](#), the Bay Area's premier contemporary and modern art fair, opens tomorrow, May 15, at the Festival Pavilion at Fort Mason. The show will feature 70 galleries from around the globe, bringing some of the world's most intriguing artists and galleries*

In showcasing historically important work alongside relevant contemporary pieces and projects, artMRKT will create an ideal context for the discovery, exploration and acquisition of art.

Regular hours: Friday, May 17, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Saturday, May 18, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2013 - Noon to 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.art-mrkt.com/sf>

[ArtPadSF](#), the 21st century boutique art fair that focuses on emerging and contemporary art from the Bay Area and beyond opens May 16 at the Phoenix Hotel.



Orange Carrots by Evelyn Reyes, © 2010 Oil pastel  
on paper, 11 x 17 inches  
Photo credit: the artist/Creativity Explored

In its third year and partnered with San Francisco's world-renowned arts institutions, galleries, and artists, [ArtPadSF](#) is a crossroads for the creative and an unparalleled marketplace for art.

Located in San Francisco Tenderloin district, the area is a bit rough around the edges but full of hidden treasure for the adventurous art seeker. The Phoenix Hotel closes to the public and turns 44 rooms for the creative and traveling into an art benefit for [SF MOMA](#).

On opening night, ArtPad SF partners with [SF MOMA](#) and [BAM/PFA](#) a variety of wild and crazy performers in a gala opening to benefit SFMOMA's SECA Award program. To start off, there will be a synchronized swimming team in the pool from San Francisco's Tsunami Synchro. That's the straight-friendly gay, lesbian and transgender aquatic group. This event will be a multisensory extension of [ArtPadSF](#)'s unconventional downtown aesthetic with entertainment to hear, watch, and taste.

Over the course of the weekend, art patrons will be given the run of the hotel including the tropical courtyard. That's just for starters. The 4-day weekend promises more of the same, with screenings, panels, performances, access to galleries and opportunities to talk to the artists.