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art stars rising

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Art Basel Miami Beach was in full swing last week, although many found the selection on show at the main fair more conservative than in previous years. Striking work did lurk in the Positions and Nova sections featuring younger artists and galleries, like Villa Design Group and their standout piece "Meat Locker," an illuminated steel labyrinth inspired by the murder of Gianni Versace at Berlin's Mathew Gallery. But the main action was at NADA (New Art Dealers Alliance), in its 12th year but considered a cooler alternative to the main convention center and still showing some of the freshest art on the scene. While the art world recovers from the week that was, you can check out some of its rising stars right here.



David Rappeneau at Queer Thoughts Queer Thoughts showed a cluster of strong works by emerging artists, including two of David Rappeneau's intoxicating ballpoint-pen and pencil drawings of lithe, young things in stylish garb clasp drinks, credit cards, and cell phones in typical Millennial abandonment. According to his gallerists, the young French artist who gained huge popularity on Tumblr as Prince Diamond, is notoriously shy, which only adds to his mystique.