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In celebration of 15 years, exhibitors, artists and aficionados return to Palm Beach for one of South Florida's premier contemporary art fairs from Jan. 19-23, 2012.

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Sunny, warm weather on a nice, summer weekend usually means huge crowds heading through South Florida on their way to the beaches. And during the warm winter season, a flourishing art scene makes Palm Beach an internationally recognized cultural destination. Between now and the end of March, hardly a week will go by when there isn't an art festival in full swing somewhere. Seasonal crowds will set their sights on a plethora of local art institutions and galleries, as well as the Palm Beach County Convention Center for the 15th anniversary of Art Palm Beach hosted from Jan. 19-23, 2012. ▶

LEFT: *Rubik Ohh...Alright...*, 2011, by French urban artist Invader, is a six-color silkscreen with an embossed design of colored square tiles on 310gsm archival paper. Courtesy of Robert Fontaine Gallery, Miami, FL.

RIGHT: The rhythmic sweep of *Fenice*, 1934, by glass sculptor Lino Tagliapietra brings to light new form, pattern and texture to the art glass medium. Courtesy of Schantz Galleries, Stockbridge, MA.



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Finnish artist Soile Yli-Mäyry created the oil on canvas, *Dream Pot*, by using paint in three ways: a thin even coat, thick lines and by scraping lines into the painted area for a three-dimensional look. Courtesy of Walter Wickiser Gallery, Inc., New York.




ABOVE: Inspired by nature, this Art Deco-style jewelry cabinet by artisan Kent Townsend, crafted of Amboyna burl and Macassar ebony, is accented with handmade silver pulls. Courtesy of Jane Sauer Gallery, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

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As art fairs have become part of the area's developing narrative, acting as a catalyst to wider cultural, social and civic aspirations, Palm Beach has certainly emerged with more of a swagger. Since the mid '90s, Palm Beach has seen an explosion of culture and January's schedule of exhibition openings surrounding the anniversary of Art Palm Beach will provide a feast of cultivation enough to satisfy the most discerning of collectors.

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