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TUESDAY

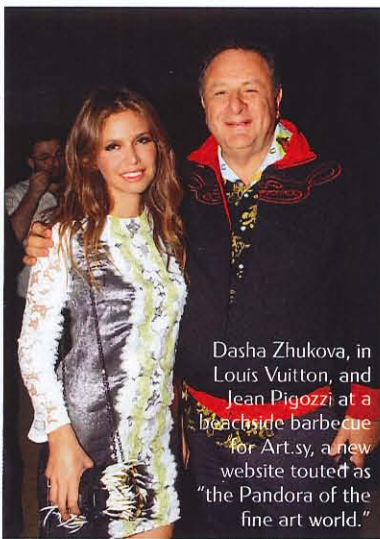
Above: *Origin*, by Will Ryman, who was celebrated over brunch at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, in Coral Gables. Left: A Mark Handforth installation at a reception for the artist at MOCA, North Miami.

PARTY ARTY

The riddle at the 10th annual Art Basel Miami Beach was, Which comes first, the art or the parties? Diarist Sam Dangremond spends four days solving the puzzle.

WEDNESDAY

The day's VIP opening begins at 11 a.m. at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Right: Stuffed animals in Mike Kelley's *Deodorized Central Mass with Satellites* at the Tony Shafrazi gallery booth. Below: Frank Stella's *Khurasan Gate Variation III* is the backdrop at Edward Tyler Nahem's booth, with Alexander Calder's *Bent Propeller* at right.



Dasha Zhukova, in Louis Vuitton, and Jean Pigozzi at a beachside barbecue for Art.sy, a new website touted as "the Pandora of the fine art world."



Alexia Niedzielski wears Louis Vuitton, the party's sponsor, at the Art.sy bash at the Soho Beach House.



Superdealer Larry Gagosian welcomes power collector Eli Broad to his booth at the fair. In the background is Jeff Koons's *The Ribbon*.

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Coco Brandolini wears Bottega Veneta to dinner at the Dutch, hosted by Aby Rosen and Samantha Boardman.

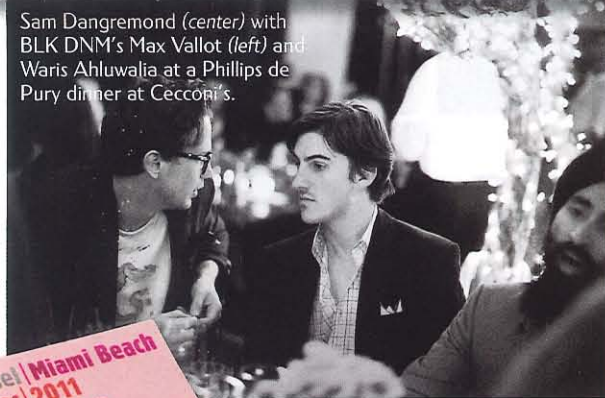


Amalia Dayan, in Céline, with Jeffrey Deitch at the Dutch.



Michael Chow checks his phone after dinner at the Dutch.

THURSDAY
 Opening day of Art Basel Miami Beach, when the public gains entrance to the Convention Center, is the peak of the party circuit. "It's a sensory overload," says jewelry designer Waris Ahluwalia as he makes the rounds. With 10 or more parties per night competing for A-listers, one needs to prioritize.



Sam Dangremond (center) with BLK DNM's Max Vallot (left) and Waris Ahluwalia at a Phillips de Pury dinner at Ceccoli's.



Los Angeles County Museum of Art director Michael Govan at the Dutch.



Samantha Boardman wears Sophie Theallet to her dinner, sponsored by Dom Pérignon, at the Dutch.



FRIDAY
 From left: George McNeely, senior vice president at Christie's, and David Dangremond, president of Hartford's Wadsworth Atheneum and the diarist's father, on a yacht for a brunch hosted by the auction house; a party to celebrate the book *Culo* by Mazzucco at Mr. Chow.

