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Miami's emerging artists: Who's next?

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Who represents the next generation of break-out visual artists in Miami? Where will the next Naomi Fisher, Jim Drain, Hernan Bas, Daniel Arsham, Mark Handforth, Dara Friedman, Bert Rodriguez and/or Michael Vasquez come from? They've all had international careers, multiple gallery shows and museum opportunities. Who might be the next group of artists to reach that level and stand on the world stage? Here are nine that I think have a shot...

Natalya Laskis is a painter who is coming into her own after a stint as Hernan Bas' assistant. I just did a recent studio visit and her work is getting bigger and less structured and it is working. Click [here](#) to see some of her work at Fredric Snitzer Gallery .

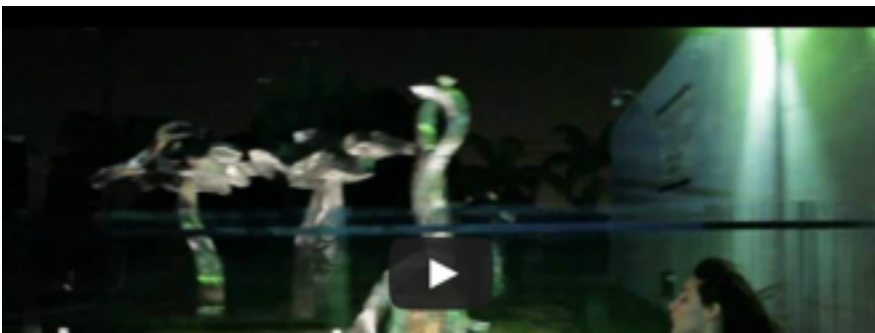


Tatiana Vahan is about to get her moment at MOCA, and we all know how good Bonnie Clearwater is at selecting future rock stars. Tatiana's drivers license piece, where she went back to the DMV and got a new license every 30 days for months is what put her on my radar. So subversive! Vahan's work will be included in MOCA's Open Process: New Works by Miami Artists exhibition, on display from March 18- June 5, 2011, click [here](#) for info.



Jillian Mayer is not exactly a well-kept secret, given her recent selection as one of a handful of profiled winners of the Guggenheim's YouTube

Play Creative Video Biennial. I am obsessed with her 60-second "Scenic Jogging" video, and I can't wait for her upcoming show at David Castillo Gallery.



Zach Balber's photographs see things in everyday life that the rest of us pass by. There is a soul in the photos that is quite compelling.



Beatriz Monteavaro's recent scary monster drip painting at MAM was a bold new direction for her that I hope she continues to follow.

