

Kiaf's Satellite Fair for Emerging Galleries Kicks Off in Seoul with a Heap of NFTs

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Crowds streaming into Kiaf Plus on Thursday.

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As the international art world descends on Seoul, Kiaf Plus, the first in a trio of fairs that also includes Frieze's first edition in the city, has officially opened. The fair is a satellite to Kiaf, a bigger, long-established edition, and its VIP preview was held on Thursday afternoon at the SETEC convention.

Kiaf Plus focuses on emerging artists, in particular, those working in digital media, including NFTs. This tightly curated fair has numerous exhibitors from across Korea, a majority of whom are showing local talent, as well as foreign dealers who are exhibiting a mix of international and local artists. Notably, there's

an emphasis on pop culture and video game aesthetics. Split across three main halls, the works on view often exude joy.

Below, a look at the best of what's on offer at Kiaf Plus.

Hansaem Kim at ThisWeekendRoom



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Six knockout mixed-media installations by Hansaem Kim hang on a small side wall, where they are easy to miss. The Korea-based artist is fascinated by gaming, cartoons, and religious mythologies, and his wall-hung sculptures works showcase an interest in the spiritual, forming a world of Kim's own making. To create these works, Kim has collected stones from different locations in South Korea that he then draws fixes on. Along with mosaic artist Jaehee Kim, who helped him make these works, he paired each crystal with one of his objects.

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