

# Galerie



## **8 Buzzworthy Artists to Watch from Felix LA**

From Carmen D’Apollonio’s sensuous ceramic lamps to Victor Ubah’s Cubist-style portraiture, these artists are sure to be talked about long after the hip poolside fair has closed

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When an art fair takes place around a swimming pool painted by David Hockney, it’s bound to make a splash, and that is exactly what Felix LA has done this past week.

On view from February 17–20, 2022, the third international edition of the fun, beloved fair presented artwork in a variety of media at 60 galleries from around the world in the pool cabanas of The Hollywood Roosevelt hotel and in the more expansive rooms on the 11th and 12th floors of hotel above.

Founded in 2019 by art collector Dean Valentine and gallerist brothers Al Morán and Mills Morán with the goal of creating a fair experience that prioritizes connoisseurship, collaboration, and community among collectors, dealers, and artists, Felix LA has been a hit from the start.

“L.A. has always been rich with artists, but now it’s becoming rich with galleries, very mature galleries,” Mills Morán told Galerie on opening day. “We wanted a fair that could represent the city’s art scene, which continues to grow. When Frieze decided to launch an L.A. edition, we felt that there had to be a counterbalance, where more galleries could participate—plus, getting people to come to California in the middle of winter is a very easy sell.”

Here, Galerie has assembled eight works by artists that generated the most buzz. From ceramic lamps with legs to quilts that fly like flags, this is the art that will have people talking long after the fair is over.



## 5. Bayrol Jiménez at PERES PROJECTS

Inspired by comic-strips, Mexican sign painters and pocket-books, Bayrol Jiménez makes work in a variety of media, ranging from drawing, painting and sculpture to performance art. Born and based in Oaxaca, his art is both allegorical and abstract—parodying power, consumerism, and social injustice in a subliminal manner. His painting *Comedy in metamorphosis* turns the world on its side and slices and dices it—capturing the spice of life in vibrant colors and forms that shimmer and shake across his picture plane.