



FOR ALL ITS BUZZ AND EXCITEMENT, ART WEEK
CAN BE ONE DAUNTING AFFAIR. BUT TAKE A
BREATH AND RELAX BECAUSE WE'VE DONE SOME
SERIOUS CURATING FOR YOU. FROM THE PLAYERS
SHAPING THE SCENE TO THE FAIRS, EXHIBITIONS
AND UNDER-THE-RADAR HAPPENINGS YOU
SHOULDN'T MISS, HERE'S A GUIDE THAT'S SURE TO
GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING.

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JILLIAN MAYER

THE CREATOR

"I don't think anyone really believes in absolute performance," says artist and filmmaker Jillian Mayer. "You just have to try your hardest because you never know what's going to happen next. I don't feel like I'm using my time on Earth correctly if I'm not producing content." That fine-tuned vision is what makes Mayer one of the city's most fascinating talents, one who's not afraid to go the distance to deliver her message. Take her work 400 Nudes, for instance, which is made up of naked-women selfies, sourced from revenge-porn websites, superimposed with Mayer's face. Shown at the Montreal Biennial earlier this year, the exhibit "did exactly what I assumed it would do," says Mayer. "Some viewers felt my approach was controversial, [but that] dialogue was really vital." And, apparently, irresistible. Mayer's video works and performances have been showcased at notable museums like New York's MoMa and leading galleries all over the world, and her films have been screened at leading festivals including Sundance and South by Southwest-ironically, her favorite is the semiannual and underthe-radar Borscht Film Festival right here in Miami, which she co-heads with fellow filmmaker Lucas Leyva. True to her aforementioned mantra, she is constantly creating. Currently, she's collaborating with Leyva on three film projects: a pilot and incubator for Time Warner titled Fanimaltastic, which she describes as a "fake animal talk show." There's also a Web series pilot for MTV called No Seasons, as well as her first feature film, which she shot in both Miami and Cuba. Her 2015 Art Week collaboration is a showcase of videos at the Spirit Your Mind show (Nov. 30 to Dec. 6) at The Free Spirits Sports Cafe (times vary, 100 21st St., Miami Beach, 305.532.5399). Next year, she'll be just as busy participating in group exhibitions from Portland to Harlem and organizing solo shows for LAX Art in West Hollywood and David Castillo Gallery (her local representative) in Miami Beach. Just follow the buzz. jillianmayer.net