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Artist List Revealed for Bienal de São Paulo Focused on Art in Dark Times

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Arjan Martins, *Atlantic*, 2016.

Although the pandemic does not appear to be winding down in Brazil, the Bienal de São Paulo, Latin America's most important biennial, is plowing ahead with plans to mount its main exhibition in September. On Thursday, the biennial revealed an artist list for that show, which is being curated by a team led by Jacopo Crivelli Visconti.

The 91 artists included meditate in their work on what art can do during our challenging moment. The show is titled “Faz Escuro mas eu canto” (“Though it’s dark, still I sing”), a reference to a 1965 poem by Thiago de Mello, and was conceived prior to the onset of the pandemic.

“Throughout these months of work, surrounded by collapses of every sort, we have repeatedly asked ourselves what forms of art and ways of

being in the world are possible and necessary now,” the curatorial team wrote in a statement. “As we move through dark times, what songs should we be listening to?”

The Bienal de São Paulo was originally expected to open in 2020. Its main show was delayed by the pandemic, though the biennial went through with a plan to expand its offerings, hosting a series of solo presentation in the run-up to its group exhibition. A solo exhibition of Ximena Garrido-Lecca and a performance by Neo Muyanga kicked off the biennial in 2020, and a group exhibition called “Vento” followed.

The artist list for the biennial follows below.

Abel Rodríguez
Adrián Balseca
Alfredo Jaar
Alice Shintani
Amie Siegel
Ana Adamović
Andrea Fraser
Antonio Dias
Arjan Martins
Beatriz Santiago Muñoz
Belkis Ayon
Carmela Gross
Carolina Maria de Jesus
Christoforos Savva
Clara Ianni
Claude Cahun
Daiara Tukano
Daniel de Paula
Darcy Lange
Deana Lawson
E. B. Itso
Edurne Rubio
Eleonora Fabião

Eleonore Koch
Eric Baudelaire
Frida Orupabo
Gala Porras-Kim
Giorgio Griffa
Giorgio Morandi
Guan Xiao
Gustavo Caboco
Hanni Kamaly
Haris Epaminonda
Hélio Oiticica
Hsu Che-Yu
Jacqueline Nova
Jaider Esbell
Jaune Quick-to-See Smith
Joan Jonas
José Antonio Vega Macotella
Jota Mombaça
Jungjin Lee
Juraci Dórea
Kelly Sinnapah Mary
Koki Tanaka
Lasar Segall
Lawrence Abu Hamdan
Lee “Scratch” Perry
León Ferrari
Lothar Baumgarten
Luisa Cunha
Lydia Ourahmane
Lygia Pape
Mariana Caló and Francisco Queimadela
Manthia Diawara
Marinella Senatore
Marissa Lee & David Reuter
Mauro Restiffe
Melvin Moti

Mette Edvardsen
Musa Michelle Mattiuzzi
Nalini Malani
Naomi Rincón Gallardo
Neo Muyanga
Noa Eshkol
Olivia Plender
Oscar Tuazon
Paulo Kapela
Paulo Nazareth
Philipp Fleischmann
Pia Arke
Pierre Verger
Regina Silveira
Roger Bernart
Sebastián Calfuqueo Aliste
Silke Otto-Knapp
Sueli Maxacali
Sung Tieu
Tamara Henderson
Tony Cokes
Trajal Harrell
Uýra Sodoma
Victor Anicet
Ximena Garrido-Lecca
Yuyachkani
Yuko Mohri
Zina Saro-Wiwa