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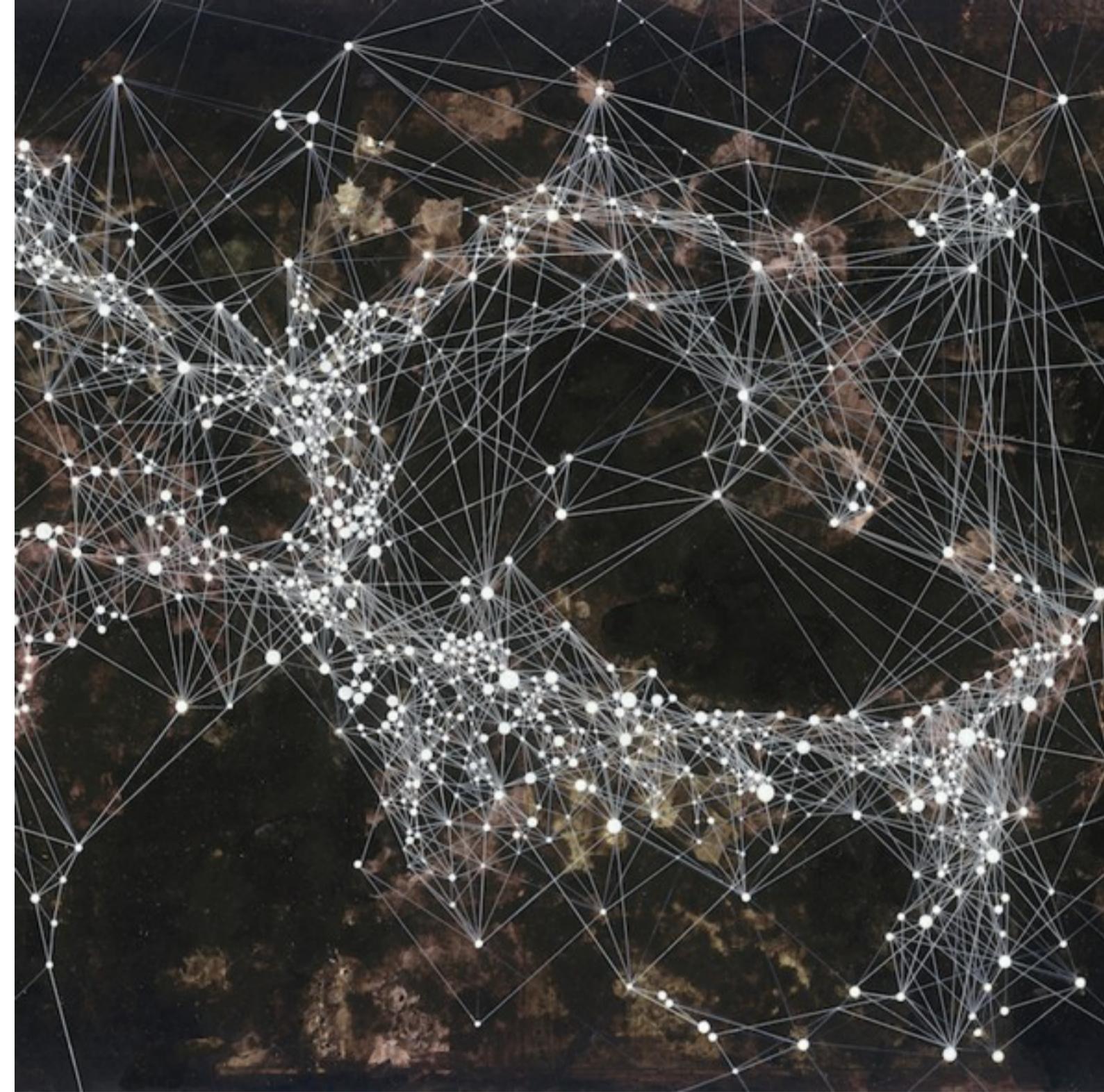
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## What to book: London Art Fair

A celebration of annual modern British and contemporary art

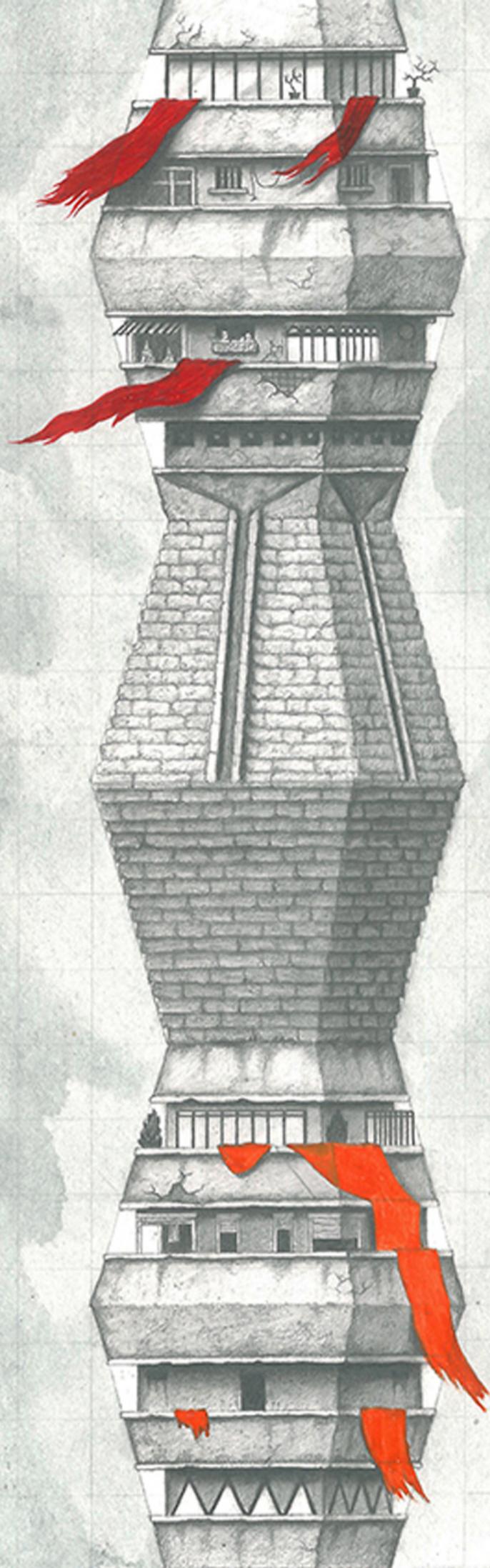
By Frances Hedges 29 December 2016



*'319' by Victoria Burge, 2015. Courtesy of Joanna Bryant Projects*

**More than 120 galleries will present collectable pieces of modern British and contemporary art at the London Art Fair, which returns to Islington's Business Design Centre in January.**

Spanning a period from the early 20th century to the present day, the artworks on display reflect a range of styles and talents, with prices to suit every budget. Highlights of this year's event include Art Projects, a showcase of contemporary art that reflects the creativity of emerging artists from around the world; a busy programme of talks featuring tours led by Sotheby's experts; and a Photography Focus Day on 13 January that will include a series of panel discussions exploring contemporary photographic practice.



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*'Ba da, Doda' by Chris Agnew. Courtesy of Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery*



*'Paysage' by William Gear, 1948. Courtesy of Alan Wheatley Art*

Photography aficionados will enjoy visiting the fair's annual exhibition of contemporary photography, Photo50, which this year is curated by Christiane Monarchi under the theme of 'Gravitas', the Latin term for 'depth of character' or 'solemnity'. The selection of 50 lens-based works, which include pieces by the late British portrait photographer David Steen, exhibited by Crane Kalman Brighton, captures the uncertainty that characterises the transition period between childhood and adulthood.



*'Still Lives 3' by Maria Friberg, 2005-2012. Courtesy of PI Artworks London*

[London Art Fair](#) runs from 18 to 22 January at Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1.

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