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The Weirdest Works You Missed at Art Basel

The art fair showed airbag dresses, Mark Zuckerberg as a bodybuilder, and a full-on toilet.

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Art Basel isn't always a hotspot for truly edgy art, but that all changed this year. At this top-tier art fair, which is showing 290 art galleries and 4,000 artists, there's the usual panel discussions, film program and public art to be seen across Basel, as well as a section called Unlimited, which attempts to tap into the cutting-edge art. But none of this compares to the weird shit. This year's edition has everything from airbag couture to blackjack tables and toilets. Here are some of the weirdest things you missed this week during Art Basel's VIP preview.

Donald Trump as the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz

This artwork, made by Coco Fusco, is called "Tin Man of the Twenty-First Century," and is being shown with the Alexander Gray Associates. According to the artist, the Tin Man is a character with no heart or brain. She sees a parallel with the president. "The 2016 election was a watershed moment, I sensed that our country would be changed forever," she said <u>in a statement</u>. "Not every artist wants to respond to what happens in the political arena, but in the course of history many have done so, and I embrace that venerable tradition."



Photo via Coco Fusco's website.