

Alt Power 100 Artlyst 2021 – Art Makes People Powerful

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Presenting the much-coveted Alt Power 100 Artlyst 2021. This is our way of acknowledging our industry's hard work and achievements, as we see it. The committee had a year off in 2020 due to the pandemic, but as most major art exhibitions and events have slowly resurfaced, it is again possible to compile the list.

The uncertainty caused by exhibitions opening and abruptly closing was a common occurrence in 2021. Biennales, fairs and global art events were announced then cancelled, leaving many institutions with massive debts. However, the resilience of our sector has proven robust, and even under strain, the visual art community has survived moving online and into new digital technologies.

As always, the Alt Power 100 Artlyst brings a clear and fresh perspective to the table, honouring the known faces of our trade while championing the personalities behind the scenes curating, organising, and helping to enrich our communities. Let's look forward to the return of a full-on 2022. – Paul Carter Robinson Artlyst CEO – Sara Faith Associate Editor

Top 10 Alt Power 100 2021 Artlyst

38. Nan Goldin – American photographer who highlighted the OxyContin epidemic and isolated the Sackler family's role as the manufacturers. The Met dropped the Sackler name from its building, as did the Louvre and numerous other global institutions following the lead.

39. Jane Hamlyn – Chair Paul Hamlyn Foundation Director of The Frith Street Gallery. In 2021 the PHF awarded £25,000 each to 20 visual artists and 20 composers.

40. Harmony Hammond – American artist, activist, curator and writer. A prominent figure in the founding of the feminist art movement in 1970s New York. In 2021 her work was included in the Women in Abstraction exhibition at Pompidou in Paris and Guggenheim, Bilbao.

41. Marcus Harvey – Artist/co-founder and Director Turps offering supportive mentoring and peer-led learning for artists

42. Margot Heller OBE – Director of South London Gallery, was responsible for embedding the gallery in its local community while establishing its international reputation.

43. Paul Hobson – Director of Modern Art Oxford. 2021 programme included Samson Kambalu: New Liberia and Anish Kapoor: Painting

44. David Hockney OM CH RA – British painter, 2021 exhibition included The Arrival of Spring, Normandy at the RA and new video work at Picadilly Circus

45. Alistair Hudson – Director of Manchester Art Galleries since 2018