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Over the past decade, the third week of January has become an unofficial art week in San Francisco. Anchored by the [Fog Design + Art fair](#) at the Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture, the multiday showcase has grown since the first fair in 2013 to now include scores of gallery openings, events and pop-ups taking advantage of the international crowd who come to the city.

While the fair itself attracts art lovers to the Marina District venue, the Dogpatch neighborhood will be a major draw for activations and events at the Minnesota Street Project as well as the new [Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco](#), which opened in October. Galleries and art spaces downtown and South of Market Street will also be opening new shows.

The festivities officially kick-off Wednesday, Jan. 18, with the Fog preview gala benefiting the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, with events through Sunday, Jan. 22. Here's a guide to the Fog Design + Art fair, plus other shows and happenings throughout the city.

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Koak, "California Landscape #1," 2023.

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'Koak: Letter to Myself (when the world is on fire)'

Koak's second solo exhibition at Altman Siegel includes new paintings, drawings and sculptures by the San Francisco artist. The body of work explores concepts of disaster, panic and failure, specifically through images of landscapes and figures in turmoil.

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