

New Museum Raises \$43M for Expansion; Christie's Auction Sets Basquiat, Richard Prince Records; and More

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New Museum in New York.



Red Sea islands to Saudi Arabia. The piece gathered over one million Facebook views. The arrests come amid a widening crackdown on freedom of expression in Egypt, which has been under the rule of US-backed **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** since a June 2014 military coup. [[Guardian](#), [TAN](#), [Mada Masr](#)]

— **Dealers Settle Suit With Ibrahim Mahama**: **Stefan Simchowicz**, the Los Angeles dealer, Dublin gallerist **Jonathan Ellis King**, and artist **Ibrahim Mahama** have settled a protracted legal dispute concerning a decision by Mahama to de-authenticate a bulk of work they had purchased from him. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed. [[TAN](#)]

— **Ugo Rondinone “Stonehenge” Debuts in Nevada**: Pillars of brightly colored rocks have risen in the Nevada desert, courtesy of the artist **Ugo Rondinone** and the **Nevada Museum of Art**, which commissioned the \$3.5 million work. [[RGJ](#)]

— The 69th **Cannes Film Festival** has opened on “high alert” in France amid concerns over the threat of terrorist attack. [[Artforum](#)]

— **Martin Friedman**, a former director of the **Walker Art Center** and founder of the **Minneapolis Sculpture Garden**, has died at 90. [[Artforum](#)]

— The London radical bookshop **Housmans** is selling the personal library of the renowned cultural theorist **Stuart Hall**, who died in 2014. The books, offered for between £1 and £3, were donated to Housmans by his widow, **Catherine Hall**. [[Housmans](#)]