



Writer and entrepreneur Cipriana Quann at the Winter Show's Young Collectors Night in 2020. Photo by BFA/Brendon Cook courtesy The Winter Show

Events

9 Virtual Design Events to Attend in January

These are the industry fairs and discussions worth tuning in to this month

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Art and design institutions worldwide may have closed indefinitely to help slow the spread of coronavirus, but that hasn't stopped museums, galleries, and fairs from developing virtual events that can be enjoyed from the comfort of one's own home. Below, AD PRO rounds up the industry happenings—from exhibition openings to educational sessions—that are worth tuning in to this month. Check out the AD PRO calendar for more.

CES 2021

Though many conferences have had to transition to digital formats amid the pandemic, no pivot was as fitting as that of the Consumer Electronics Show, presented by the Consumer Technology Association to uncover the latest innovations and industry solutions. New techproduct launches from Kohler, Samsung, and Bosch, among others, will be unveiled alongside a dialogue series that's set to cover how advancements have impacted areas of retail, home building, supply chains, and more.

January 11–14

Learn: Tales of Two Architects at Lotusland

The gardens of Lotusland, considered one of Santa Barbara's greatest estates, have garnered greater acclaim than the residential property's Spanish Colonial Revival architecture. In this virtual presentation, hosted by the Institute of Classical Architecture's Southern California chapter, the architecture gets its due. Join Harrison Design's Anthony Grumbine as he delves into property's blueprints to study the objectives of architects Reginald Johnson and George Washington Smith.

January 12

Attend: Cover Connect 2021

Spec the latest product debuts from nearly 40 leading rug brands, including CC-Tapis and Warp & Weft, or tune in to dialogues between industry pros such as Bethan Laura Wood and Glenn Pushelberg during Cover Connect's four-day virtual show focused on handmade floor coverings.

January 12-15

Tour: Art Deco Gods & Goddesses with Chicago Architecture Center Live

Greek gods and goddesses are among the motifs often spotted in Art Deco designs. For a decorative arts movement that embodied the elation of the Roaring '20s, why the ancient connection? Find out during this virtual walking tour highlighting a select series of Chicago's Art Deco buildings and the histories behind them.

January 13

Learn: Donald Judd: Color Is Never Unimportant

Presented by Sir John Soane's Museum Foundation as part of the Soane Lecture Series, "Donald Judd: Color Is Never Unimportant" will survey how pigments and light played a consequential role within Judd's work. Join Rainer and Flavin Judd, president and artistic director of Judd Foundation respectively, for a dialogue recounting their father's philosophies on color and how they remain relevant today.

January 14



Donald Judd, untitled, 1963, Cadmium red light oil on wood with violet acrylic sheet. Donald Judd Art c/o Judd Foundation/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York. Photo: Alex Marks c/o Judd Foundation

Shop: The Winter Show 2021

New York's longest-running art, antiques, and design fair moves its gallery exhibitor booths online this year. Sixty international dealers, including Donzella, Maison Gerard, and Lost City Arts, are queued up to present works in fine and decorative arts. The Winter Show, which benefits the East Side House Settlement, grants preview access to VIP ticket holders on January 19 and opens to the public on January 22.