Venice Biennale: 10 Artists Everyone Will Be Talking About and Why

In 2015 Sarah Lucas caused a stir in Venice with fags stuffed in holes - these are this year's contenders

The participating artists of the Venice Biennale have finally been announced! This edition’s curator Christine Macel has put together an eclectic mix of young bright stars of the industry, famous deceased post-ww2 artists and almost unknown positions we look forward to discovering. Among these 120 artists who’re showing their creations at the Arsenale and Giardini (the so-called “Trans-pavilions”) your author has selected ten special people and guessed what they are most likely to exhibit, provoke, or attract.

Most likely to show the most Instagrammed work:
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**Born in 1934 in the United States, lives and works in Paris**

When looking at Sheila Hick’s big, bright textile works, you may feel like you were just force-fed Angel’s dust in an ephemeral haberdashery at Burning Man. Very probably her piece will serve as the most popular photo background of the biennale, and it wouldn’t be a surprise if some people dressed to fit with it, Instagram fame *oblige*. I’m not making this up: a fair amount of art world jet-setters dress in order to match with whatever art work will serve as a background for self-promotion and validation. But Hicks’ creation might also become that one piece tourists who don’t give a damn about art and ended in the Giardini by mistake will love and photograph to death. As long as the inspiration it triggers doesn’t translate into a wave of acid-colored chunky knitwear this fall, that’s fine with me.