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## Guide: The Huntr's top 5 'not to miss' at Art Dubai 2018

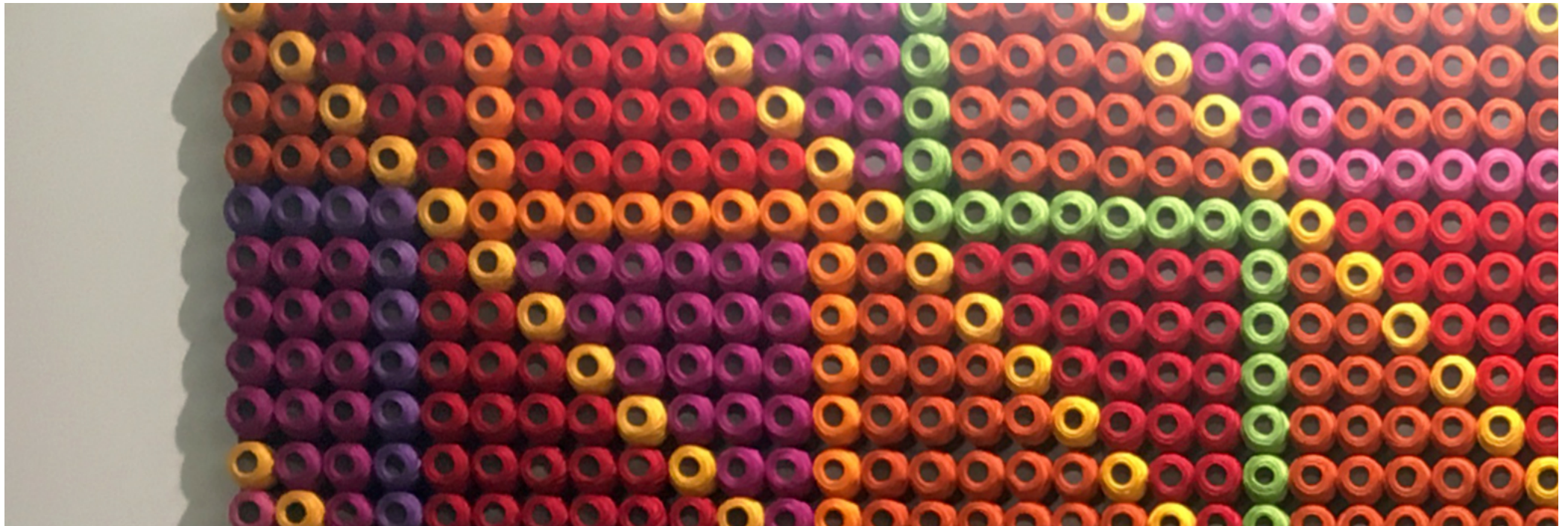
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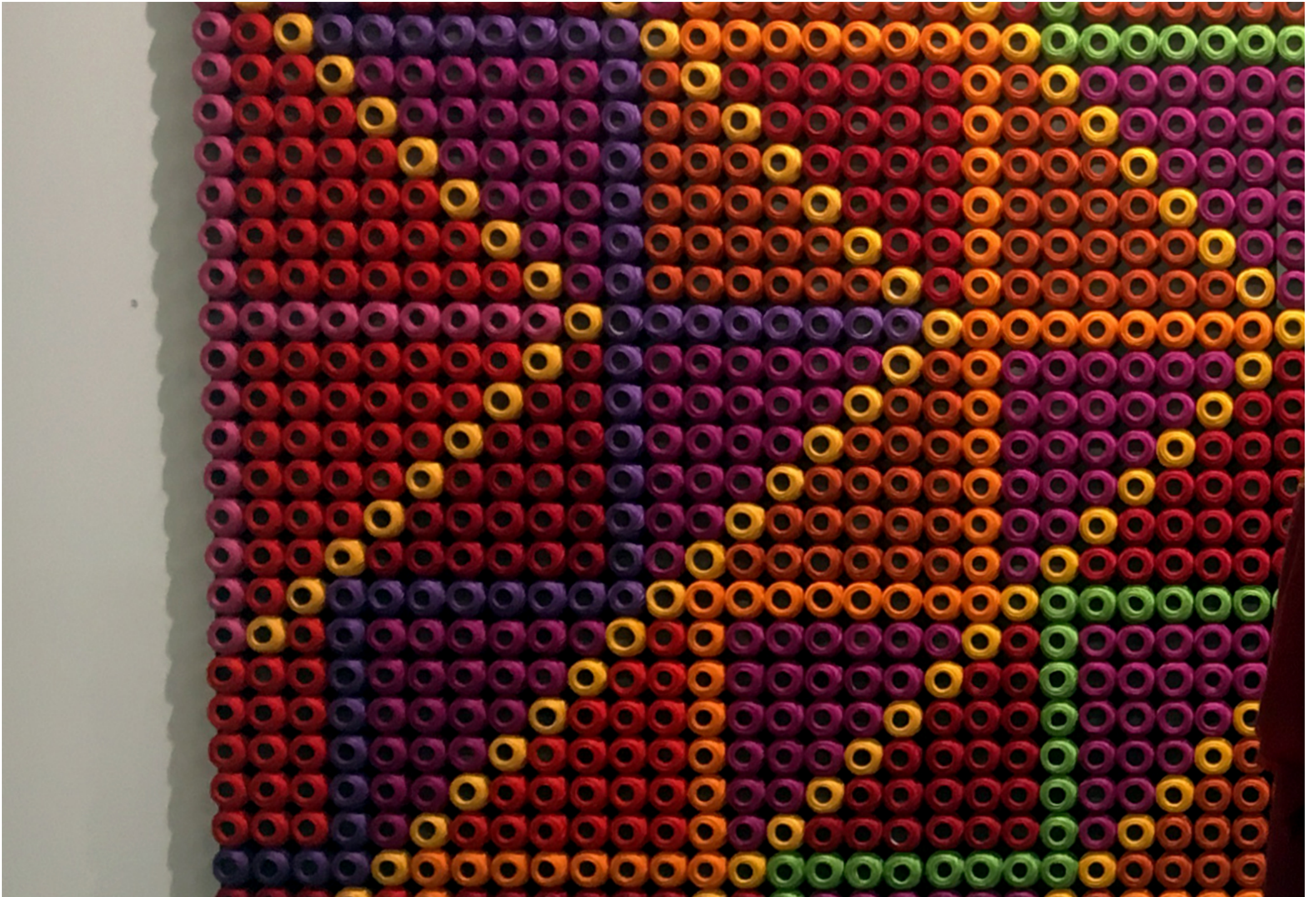


Art Dubai 2018 has officially opened its doors for its 12th edition. Running from March 21st until 24th, this year's lineup features an eclectic gallery selection, with a wide variety of acclaimed international and regional artists.

The fair is a must add to your diary this weekend – and whether you are an art enthusiast or just curious, here at The Huntr we've put together a 'what not to miss' at Art Dubai, so join us as we present our top five artistic must-sees for Art Dubai 2018...

### 1. Gallery One – Ramallah









Broken Wedding in Deir Nakhas by Amer Shomali. Shomali's wife is stood in front of the artwork.

Amer Shomali created six large pieces under the series title 'Broken Weddings'. The pieces have a truly touching story. Each artwork was created with hundreds and thousands of DMC sewing spools. The artist used balls of yarn to create large scale artworks that represent the old Palestinian embroidered wedding dress (called a thobe). The artworks mimic similar patterns to the traditional dress, replacing each geometric stitch with a whole new ball that was never used to embroider any piece.

**Location: Modern, Booth C4**

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## 2. Galerie Templon – Paris/Brussels









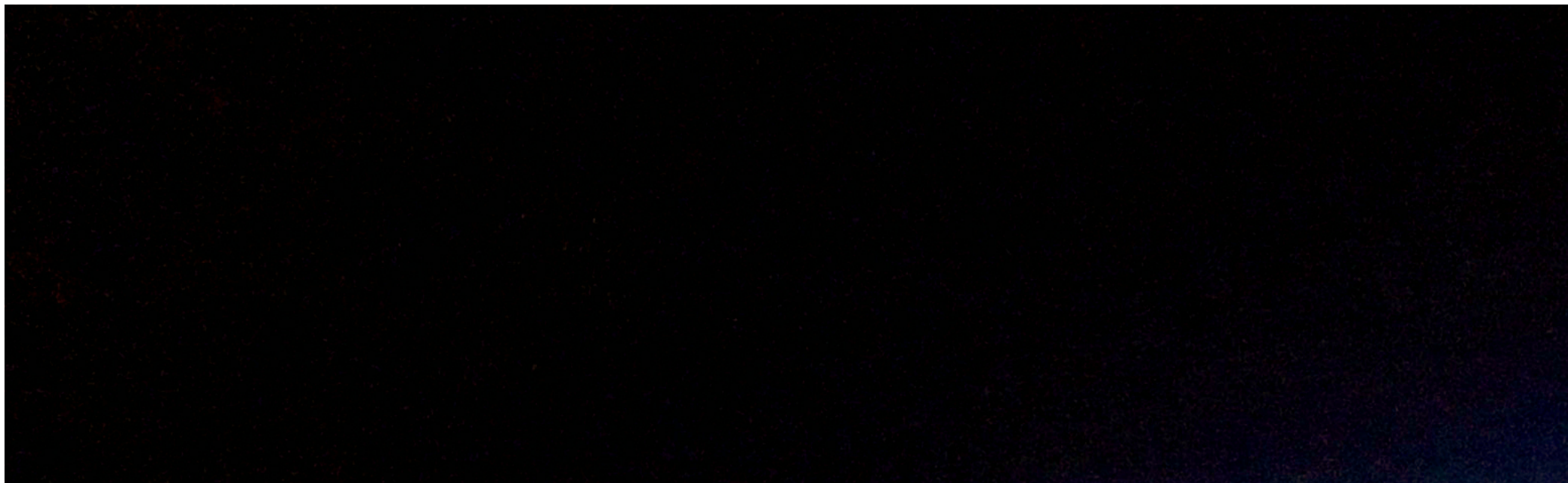
Idrissa Ndiaye by Kehinde Wiley

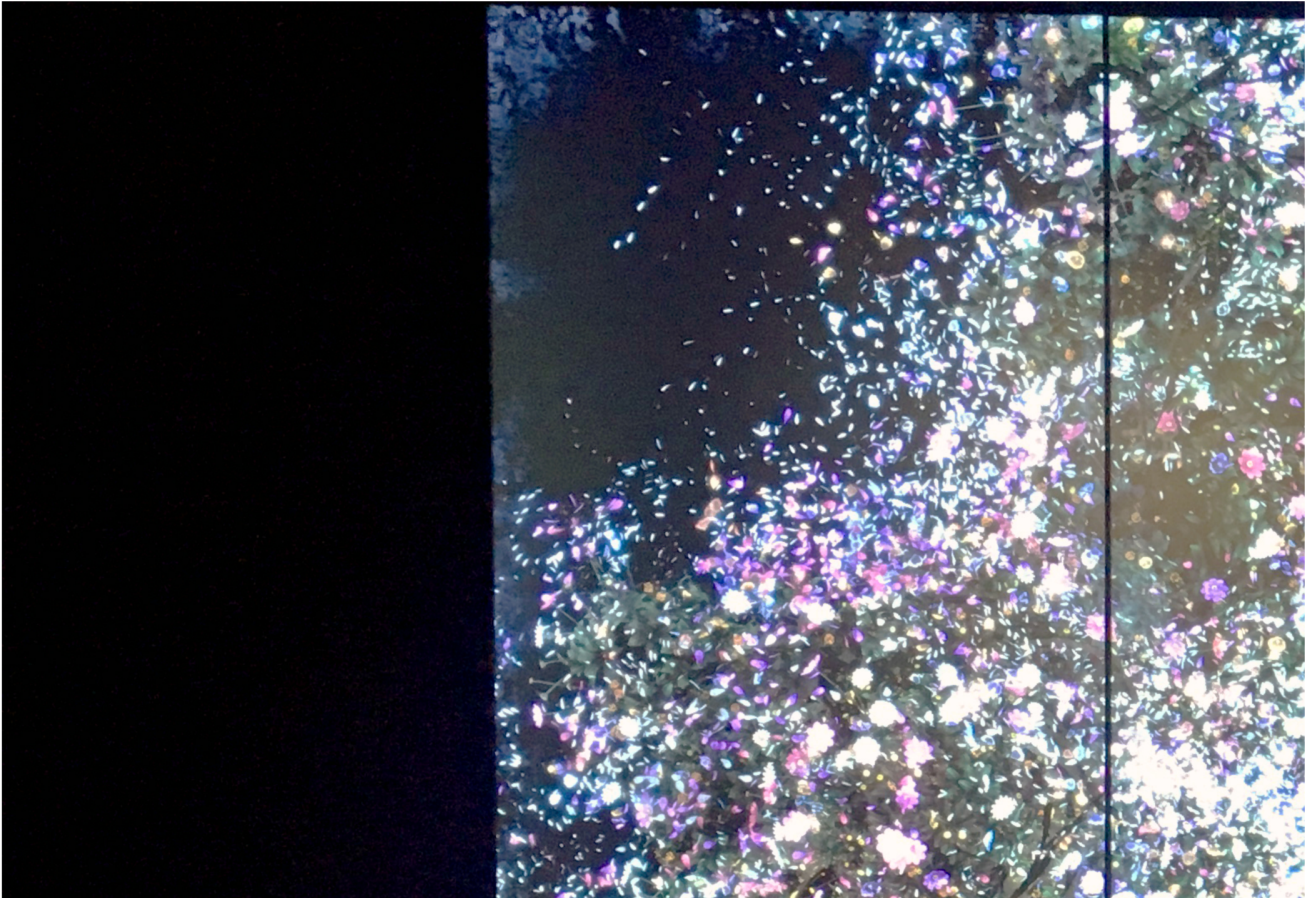
Hanging on the walls of Gallery Templon's booth is the work of the legendary American artist Kehinde Wiley. Working exclusively in portraiture, Wiley uses a similar artistic style to old master paintings to create modern modes of representation of African-Americans. He previously he took on the prestigious task of painting Barack Obama's official portrait for Smithsonian.

**Location:** Contemporary, Booth D7

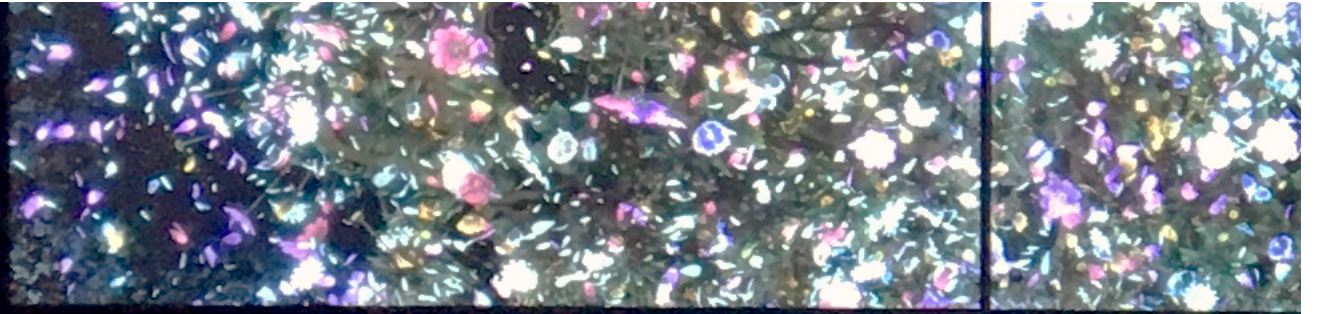
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### 3. Martine Browne Contemporary – Sydney | Ikkan Art Gallery – Singapore | Pace Art + Technology – Menlo Park











Impermanent Life by TeamLab

This booth is sure to draw a lot of attention from passer's by thanks to its enticing digital installations. TeamLab is a large creative team that work purely on CGI and sensory technology. Three international galleries collaborated in representing six large scale digital works by TeamLab, showcasing a computer generated image of flowers springing up, growing, blossoming and then withering away. The artwork represents the cycle of growth and decay that repeats itself. The best part is that the artworks are interactive, and effected by the viewer's behaviour – meaning that when you stand in front of it, the flowers will either grow or fade.

**Location: Contemporary, Booth A9**

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#### 4. Kristine Hjellegjerde – London









Iranian artist Soheila Sokhanvari with her artworks

Presenting Iranian artist Soheila Sokhanvari's work, KH gallery not only have beautiful pieces by the artist hung on their wall, but created a set up that made you feel like you are stepping into the artist's world, or even into her home. Soheila's works consists of nostalgic images taken from old family photographs, they invite the viewer to learn about the **political histories and personal narratives from the her life**. Her paintings are miniature versions of family portraits using a rare painting medium – egg tempera, lapis lazuli and 22ct gold on calf vellum.

**Location: Contemporary, Booth F5**

## 5. Artside Gallery – Seoul









Donut by Jae Yong Kim

The Donut installation by Jae Yong Kim features fun and quirky ceramic sculptures glazed and jeweled with Swarovski crystals. These sculptures were also featured in last year's edition, and quickly became Art Dubai's most instagrammed artwork. The interesting part of this particular piece is that the artist is slightly colour blind, so creating these playful sculptures was really quite challenging.

**Location:** Contemporary, Booth A15

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***Art Dubai runs from March 21st until March 24th, 2018***

**The PUBLIC OPENING HOURS are:**

Thursday March 22: 4-9:30pm (*last entrance at 9pm*)

Friday March 23: 2-9:30pm (*last entrance at 9pm*)

Saturday March 24: 12-6:30pm (*last entrance at 6pm*)

To find out more about Art Dubai, visit the official website [here](#)

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