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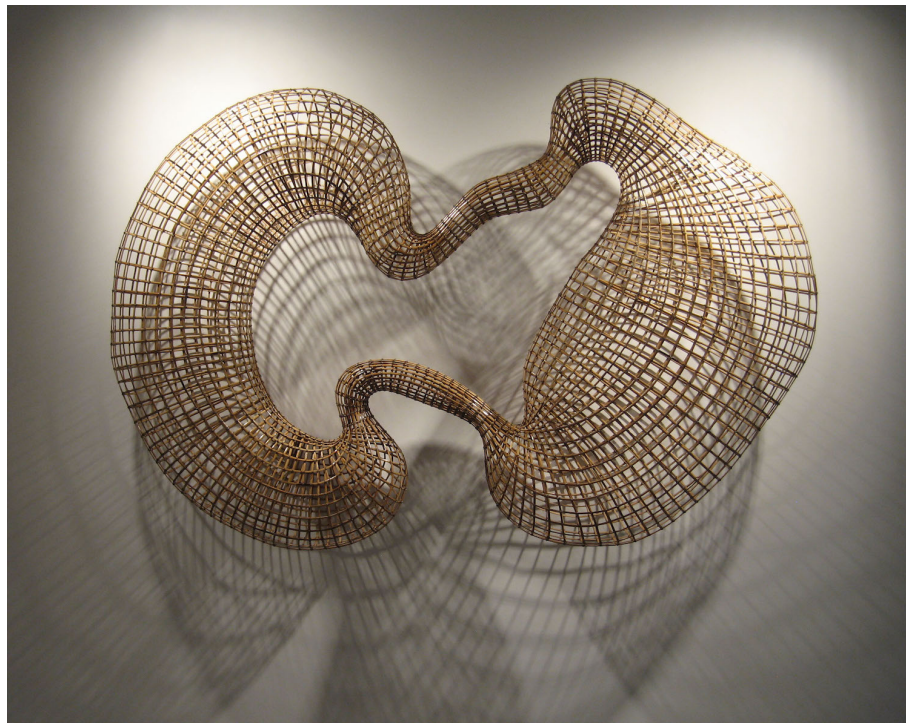
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Venice Biennale: 10 Artists Everyone Will Be Talking About and Why

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 ravish people who found inner peace while backpacking through South East Asia



Sopheap Pich – Cycle 2 Version 3

Sopheap Pich

Born in 1971 in Cambodia, lives and works in Phnom Penh

Sopheap Pich uses traditional basket weaving techniques from his native Cambodia to create

sculptures inspired by nature and organisms. The visitors' Namaste faction will clutch their pearls at the look of his pieces, and tell you about how when they backpacked through Laos/Thailand/Cambodia a couple of years ago, a wise and very poor woman thought them the same technique Pich employs, and that although the woman didn't speak English, they were still able to communicate, on an emotional level, sitting on the dirt floor in a remote village where no tourist had previously never been. Counter this shower of proto-Buddhist gibberish by taking a break: get yourself a drink and enjoy the latest episode of Rupaul's drag race on your smartphone sitting by a canal. It will clean your chakras.