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See the Women Who Shook Up the Art World in 2011



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ARTINFO's women of 2011 (clockwise from top left): Bice Curiger, Anita Zabłudowicz, China Chow, Janine "Jah Jah" Gordon, Dasha Zhukova, Liz Taylor, Lady Gaga, and Alice Walton

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Dead white males, you're on notice. Women artists may still be a minority in museum collections and major exhibitions, but that's changing — and art-world women exerted more influence than ever on this year's headlines. The **Venice Biennale**, also known as the art-world Olympics, was curated by a woman, as was the American pavilion. A female **MoMA** curator rehung the institution's galleries to give more space to underrecognized women artists. One woman named **Marni Kotak** actually gave birth inside a gallery, executing the most quintessentially female performance imaginable.

While not all contributions were necessarily positive, or even entirely serious (see: Kotak, Marni), it seems worthwhile to look back on the year through the lens of the women who defined it. Our list (presented in no particular order) leaves out perennial powerhouses like **Sotheby's Lisa Dennison** or dealers **Mary Boone** and **Marian Goodman** in favor of the ladies who made waves this year in particular — for reasons both quirky and compelling, fair and foul.



Anita Zabludowicz

Since the early 1990s, this indomitable collector and her husband, **Poju**, have built a massive art collection focused on emerging young talents. This year, Zabludowicz kicked her collection into high gear, mounting an exhibition on the top floor of a skyscraper in New York's Times Square, launching a program of solo shows dedicated to unrepresented U.K. artists, and seizing an island off the coast of Finland as the site of a forthcoming art project.

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