

New York's The Armory Show at crossroads following acquisition by Frieze

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NEW YORK -- The 2023 edition of The Armory Show kicked off Thursday at the Javits Center in New York, and was joined by more than 225 galleries from 35 countries. Established nearly 30 years ago, the art fair is the oldest fair in the US and has been a continuous presence in the international art scene.

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The art fair brought young galleries to the forefront at the "Presents" section, showcasing intriguing solo and dual artist presentations. The Dio Horia gallery from Athens, Greece, showed a live working studio of tapestry artist Desire Moheb-Zandi who integrates personal history and cultural identity.

Inside the gallery's booth, Moheb-Zandi could be seen creating art and interacting with visitors.



The studio of tapestry artist Desire Moheb-Zandi is seen at the Dio Horia gallery's booth at The Armory Show in New York. (Park Yuna/The Korea Herald)

“The idea for (our booth at this) fair came about when we were at other fairs and felt confused about the way conversations were happening ... (people only talked) about the price,” said Marina Vranopoulou of the Dio Horia gallery.

“So we felt ‘Why don’t we stage the artist’s studio?’ The artist is here sometimes working (on) her work (at the studio), and as a gallery, we are outside (of the booth).”
