# **BMW of North America**

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# BMW Returns to Art Basel Miami Beach 2025 with Acclaimed Artist Kennedy Yanko.

- BMW is an official partner for this year's edition of Art Basel Miami Beach, taking place December 5 to 7, 2025.
- A special event featuring Yanko will explore the intersection of automotive design and contemporary sculpture.
- As always, Art Basel First Choice VIP guests will have access to exclusive shuttle service in BMW's flagship models.

Miami Beach, FL – December 4, 2025... As Art Basel's Official Global Automotive Partner, BMW reinforces its longstanding dedication to the arts — a commitment that spans over five decades. Since 1972, BMW has championed artistic innovation through hundreds of initiatives worldwide. While the partnership with Art Basel has flourished for over 20 years, this year's return to Art Basel Miami Beach, in collaboration with renowned artist Kennedy Yanko, marks another important chapter in BMW's broader cultural legacy.

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Known for her mastery in transforming industrial materials and "paint skins" into dynamic, fluid forms, Yanko's work challenges conventional perceptions of materiality and motion. Her sculptural installation is a direct homage to the expressive spirit and bold aesthetics of the BMW XM Label, capturing the 738-horsepower performance SUV's duality.

This collaboration exemplifies a shared philosophy between Yanko and BMW's design ethos; both rooted in experimentation and uncompromising craftsmanship. It builds on a relationship that began during Art Basel Miami Beach 2021, when Yanko helped unveil the BMW XM Concept Vehicle, previewing the bold design language of what would become the series-production BMW XM Label — the model now accompanying her work this week.

#### **Exclusive Activation with Kennedy Yanko**

Reinforcing the brand's dedication to exclusive, world-class cultural opportunities for its valued community, on Thursday, December 4, BMW will host an intimate event offering unparalleled access to Yanko's sculpture. A BMW XM Label finished in Santorini Blue paint by BMW Individual will compliment Yanko's latest piece. Hussein Al Attar, Director of Automotive Design at Designworks in Santa Monica, CA, will join Yanko to share his perspective on the parallels between impactful vehicle aesthetics and the art of sculpture.

"It's always a joy to work with BMW, a partner that understands how design can move people—literally and emotionally. My conversation with Hussein about the shared language between sculpture and automotive design revealed compelling parallels in how we each shape materials to express power, motion, and intention," said Yanko.

### A 50-Year Legacy of Driving Culture

BMW's expansive engagement in arts and culture covers music, architecture, design, contemporary art, and beyond. The iconic BMW Art Car Collection remains a testament to this legacy, featuring rolling masterpieces by visionaries such as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and Jeff Koons. From long-standing collaborations with leading cultural institutions to its enduring partnership with Art Basel across Miami Beach, Basel, and Hong Kong, BMW underscores its belief that creativity is a universal language — and a driving force for innovation, connection, and progress.

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