The Ultimate Frieze Week Itinerary

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For collectors on the go, your guide to the fairs to explore, gallery shows and performances not to miss, and events that make the first week of May the art world's most important of the season.

Thursday, May 5

Shake off any lingering effects of the night before with a coffee on the East River waterfront before heading to Pier 36, where the New Art Dealers Alliance stretches its legs at Basketball City. NADA has a reputation as the fair artists least despise attending because it provides a platform for strong, homegrown programs—including Fridman
Gallery (showing large aluminum-mesh tapestries by Summer Wheat, Bodega (featuring work by Sam Lipp), and Halsey McKay (with a solo booth by Elise Ferguson)—plus offers a Manhattan stage for upstart galleries from Tokyo, Turin, and Little Rock. Don't blink or you'll miss the rather meta Water McBeer presentation: a tiny replica gallery with equally diminutive knockoffs of works by recognizable contemporary artists, like Brendan Lynch and Carol Bove. Next, manifest destiny by heading west to Chelsea for a cocktail party at the Hotel Americano to toast the new video installation by the Mexican conceptualist Emilio Chapela.

_NADA New York, 299 South Street, May 5–8._
_Hotel Americano, 518 W. 27th Street._