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Art Basel's Statements Section Spotlights Emerging Artists

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Statements, Art Basel's section for up-and-coming galleries, is smaller and more focused this year. Its relocation from hall 1 to hall 2 has placed the section in a much more prominent position, alongside the mega-fair's Galleries, Feature, and Edition areas. "Moving Statements to hall 2 will ensure that these young galleries and their emerging artists will reach the widest possible audience of potential patrons," Art Basel director Marc Spiegler said, commenting on the changes earlier this year. "And reducing the sector's size will push its quality even higher." Fourteen international galleries were invited, featuring solo presentations of emerging artists from Europe, the Americas, and Asia.

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Kate Werble Gallery, New York | Anna Betbeze

Anna Betbeze (b. 1980) uses Flokati wool carpets to create multi-hued wall reliefs that straddle the categories of painting, sculpture, and textile. She engages the wool as a ground for acid dyes and pigments, performing various actions on the rugs such as cutting, burning, and tearing. In Basel, the American artist presents a single, sculptural, oval shaped platform providing a heightened experience of the traces that remain from her processes.

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