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10 Artists to see at Armory 2020

The Armory Show returns to Manhattan's Piers 90 and 94 tomorrow Thursday 5th March, featuring 183 galleries from 32 countries and with 33 first-time exhibitors. We have put together a list of ten artist we think you should see.

5 Kumasi J. Barnett The Amazing Black-Man at Lowell Ryan Projects solo booth: Pier 90, Booth F26



Kumasi J. Barnett The Amazing Black-Man #199 America is Another Name for Madness! 2019 Acrylic, marker, pen and oil marker on comic book 9 3/4h x 6 1/4w inches KB-215

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Baltimore based artist Kumasi J. Barnett riffs on classic superhero series including; The Amazing Spider-Man, The Incredible Hulk, Superman, Daredevil and Captain America. For each work, Barnett has painted over the cover of an old Marvel or DC comic book, replacing familiar heroes with characters including "The Amazing Black-Man," "The Media's Thug," "Whitedevil," and "Police-Man." Barnett replaces Spider-Man's full-body leotard with a hoodie and jeans, Superman's logo with the stars and bars of the Confederate flag, and turns the supernatural villains into—a no less brutal nemesis—the police. Alteration here acts as an intervention. By addressing real world issues through a superhuman genre, Barnett's work dissolves the disconnect between contemporary American narratives and the reality of "justice," making us reexamine cultural conceptions surrounding the Good versus Evil paradigm.