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Venice Biennale 2022: Highlights From The Olympics Of The Art World

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The Venice Biennale, often described as the Olympics of the art world, can be a gruelling experience as there's so much to see and experience. This year's main exhibition features 213 artists from 58 countries, alone. There are also two other venues, the Giardini and the Arsenale, as well as countless offsite venues, official and unofficial. This year's biennale is heavily female focused with 90% female artists in the main exhibition. And the artistic director of the 2022 biennale is Cecilia Alemani, curator of New York's Highline contemporary art project. Golden Lion winners were just announced as American artist Simone Leigh for her brilliant sculpture in the Arsenale and Sonia Boyce's UK pavilion.

With so much art in the two main venues, the 29 country pavilions in the Giardini and the former shippard, the Arsenale as well as in churches, palazzos and shops, it's difficult to choose highlights but here are 18 must see exhibitions.