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CIMAM presents a round up of the biennales planning to go ahead in 2020 with in-person visits and expanded online viewings, and a calendar of those cancelled or rescheduled to 2021.

Restrictions on travel and mass gatherings caused by COVID-19 have seen many of the year's most anticipated biennales postponed until 2021 or cancelled altogether.

Events such as [Glasgow International](#) compensated by expanding their online content, while others have decided to go ahead with in-person exhibitions in 2020. Among them are the [Berlin Biennale](#), Limerick's [Eva International](#), [Manifesta](#) in Marseilles, and the [Bangkok Art Biennale](#).

'The biennale world was once crowded,' said [Professor. Dr Apinan Poshyananda](#), Chief Executive and Artistic Director of Bangkok Art Biennale. 'Now heavily retrenched, we present this show within a different context, and will be one of the few this year.'

The Bangkok Art Biennale's theme is *Escape Routes*. Of the 82 artists taking part, 56 have been announced, including [Anish Kapoor](#), [Marina Abramović](#), [Bill Viola](#), [Andres Serrano](#), [Yoko Ono](#), [Rirkrit Tiravanija](#), Dinh Q. Lê, and Pen-Ek Ratanaruang.

The artist list for the 11th [Berlin Biennale](#), curated by María Berríos, Renata Cervetto, Lisette Lagnado, and Agustín Pérez Rubio, was also announced this week. Participants include [Cecilia Vicuña](#), Käthe Kollwitz, Mariela Scafati, [Pacita Abad](#), Noor Abuarafteh, and Léo Corrêa.

Poshyananda, for one, believes the biennales that are taking place this year can provide solace and optimism during a dark and difficult time.

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'By experiencing art in the new era of pandemic and protests, art is a form of sympathy, release and hope,' he said.

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