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ART BASEL DIARY: PLUS, ALVARO BARRINGTON HAS DESIGNS
ON NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL



Alvaro Barrington, seen here standing in front of *Unc you the plug* (2019), currently on show at Artists I Steal From at Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac in London until 9 August

Alvaro floats our boat

The Venezuela-born artist Alvaro Barrington is throwing himself into the spirit of the Notting Hill carnival by designing a float for London's raucous street party that takes place every August bank holiday weekend. Barrington tells us that "he is bringing a few musicians from the Caribbean to perform" on the float, including the singer Mr Killa. The Notting Hill extravaganza will coincide with the artist's show at Sadie Coles HQ, which is also offering his works at Art Basel, as well as Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac. "My cousin Fitzgerald Jack is organising the musicians for the float with me, and Sadie is sponsoring it," Barrington says. "And Mr Killa is from Grenada where my mum comes from."