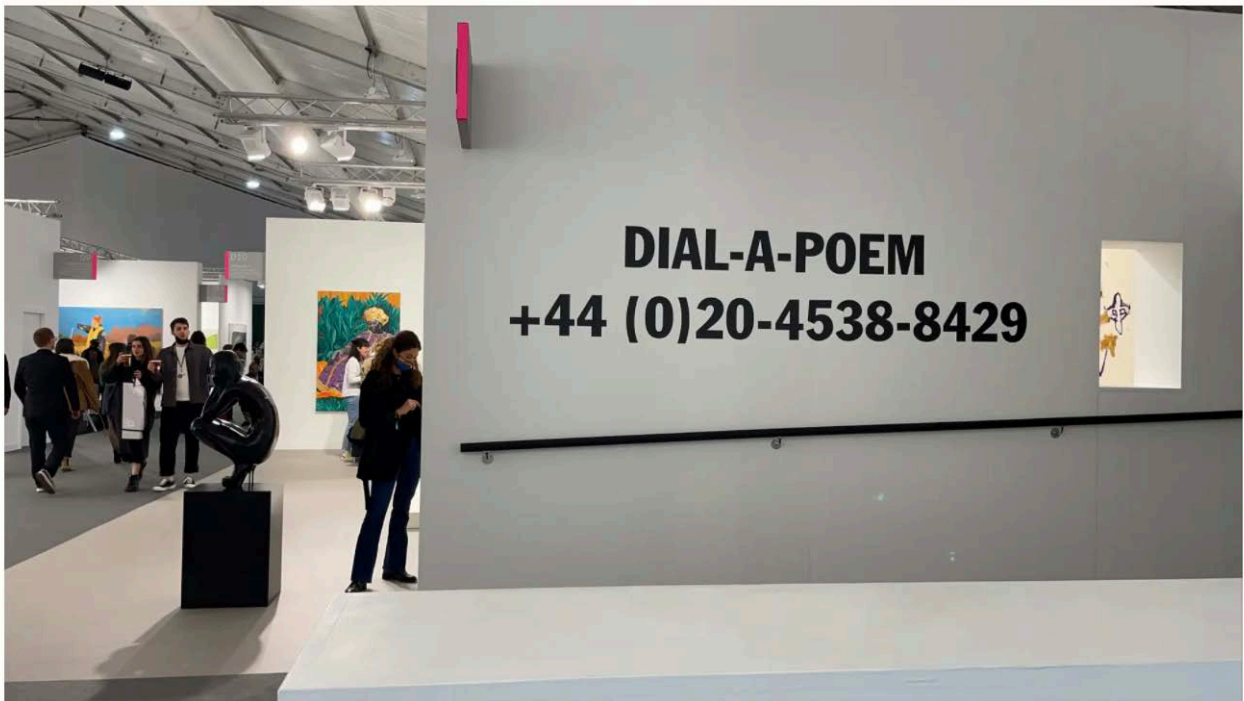




From a nude dude to poems for the weary: the latest gossip from Frieze London

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A change of pace—and perhaps some poetic enlightenment—is but a phone call away

Photo: David Owens

Wise words for the weary

Feeling weary at Frieze? Why not pick up your phone and dial-a-poem, says Almine Rech gallery, which has the number for John Giorno's impressive audio work emblazoned across its stand. One of the late US artist's most important audio works, in the UK for the first time, gives callers a chance to hear recordings from an archive of poetry and political oration first produced in 1968. Visitors ringing the poetry hotline at the fair have been treated, for instance, to the veteran US poet Maureen Owen reading from her early collection *Hearts in Space* (1980): "I'm taking a ride with you in my head," she says. Dial up and chill out.