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Marcia Kure, one of 111 artists selected to participate in the 61st International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia. Installation View, Network at the Menil Drawing Institute, Houston | Courtesy the Menil Institute | Photo Credit: Zainob + Mathew Create

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The 61st Venice Biennale, titled "In Minor Keys" and curated by the late Koyo Kouoh, has announced 111 artists selected for the main international exhibition scheduled to run May 9–November 22, 2026 in Venice's Giardini and Arsenale. The show emphasizes subtler emotional and sensory experiences, includes six artist-led organizations such as Denniston Hill and Raw Material Company, and features work from figures like Alvaro Barrington, Nick Cave, Werewere Liking, and Torkwase Dyson. Two central "shrines" will honor influential artists Issa Samb and Beverly Buchanan, while Khaled Sabsabi—whose pavilion role was previously disrupted—will exhibit large-scale installation work, reflecting Kouoh's inclusive, collaborative vision.