

Datebook: A Persian epic, a lost city from 'Superman,' the return of Pop-Up Magazine

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Shadow puppetry gets epic. Imagining a lost city from Superman's world. Plus: experimental animation, an artist who gets "post-human" and the return of Pop-Up Magazine. Here are 10 exhibitions and events to check out in the coming week:

"Feathers of Fire: A Persian Epic," The Wallis. The "Shahnameh" (Book of Kings) is a 10th century Persian epic by the poet Ferdowsi, that told the story of the Persian empire from the creation of the world until the Islamic conquest of the 7th century. It is revered by Iranians as a chronicle of Persia's glorious ancient history. And it has inspired a hybrid shadow puppet/digital animation show directed by Hamid Rahmani, a New York-based filmmaker and graphic artist. "Feathers of Fire" follows the tale of star-crossed lovers who have to pass insurmountable odds to be together. *Opens Friday and runs through Oct. 29, 8390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, thewallis.org.*

"Mike Kelley: Kandors 1999-2011," at Hauser & Wirth. This will be the first comprehensive survey of Kelley's "Kandors" series, which reimagines the fictional city from the Superman comics — the capital of Krypton, which was shrunk and kept in a jar by a supervillain. The show includes the artist's oversized sculptures that depicted the imagined city, as well as drawings and Lenticular pieces. *Opens Saturday at 6 p.m. 901 E. 3rd St., downtown Los Angeles, hauserwirthlosangeles.com.*



Mike Kelley's "Lenticular 1," part of a show of his Kandor pieces at Hauser & Wirth. (Mike Kelley Foundation for the Arts / VAGA, New York)

"The 2017 Eyeworks Festival of Experimental Animation," at REDCAT. A series of short films explores experimental animation from past and present by a range of creative figures, including Jacoby Satterwhite, Annapurna Kumar, Pat O'Neill and Barbara Hammer. Expect everything from hand-

drawn to wild digitally rendered mini-flicks. *Three engagements on Saturday at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 631 W. 2nd St., downtown Los Angeles, redcat.org.*

Adrián Villar Rojas, “The Theater of Disappearance,” at the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Argentine-born artist, known for installations that transform spaces — and often play on themes of the apocalyptic — is taking over MOCA’s Little Tokyo space with an installation that employs the architecture and technologies of Hollywood special effects to create an environment that responds to a “post-human world dominated by technology.” *Opens Sunday and runs through May 13. Geffen Contemporary, 152 N. Central Ave., downtown Los Angeles, moca.org.*



An installation view of Adrián Villar Rojas's "Theater of Disappearance" at Kunsthaus Bregenz. The show is coming to MOCA. (Jörg Baumann)

“Homeward Bound,” at Nicodim. A group show explores the idea of home not as sanctuary, but at a place where difficult secrets are often harbored. To this end, the gallery’s interior is being transformed into a literal home — with living room, dining room, bedroom and bathroom — featuring funny/unsettling/sinister works by the likes of Lisa Anne Auerbach, Bjarne Melgaard, Ruben Verdu, among many others. *Opens Saturday at 6 p.m. and runs through Nov. 22. 571 S. Anderson St., Suite 2, Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, nicodimgallery.com.*

Pop-Up Magazine, at the Theatre at the Ace Hotel. The storytelling hour organized by the folks at California Sunday magazine is back in L.A. with a new lineup that includes novelist Daniel Alarcón, Emmy-winning actor Iwan Rheon, former Los Angeles magazine editor Mary Melton and comedian Matt Bellasai. And it will include some interesting juxtapositions on stage, including a filmmaker teaming up with a dancer and one storyteller who traveled to Iraq for the purposes of her story. *This Saturday at 7:30 p.m. 929 S. Broadway, downtown Los Angeles, popupmagazine.com.*



A presentation of Pop-Up Magazine at the Ace Hotel. (Jon Snyder / Pop-Up Magazine)

Kelly McLane, “Peckerwoods,” at Denk. In her first solo show at the gallery, McLane is presenting a new series of deeply layered paintings — whose images often dwell on the grotesque, and whose surface often feature the violent evidence of gouging and burning. *Opens Saturday and runs through Nov. 22. 749 E. Temple St., downtown Los Angeles, denkgallery.com.*

“South of the Border,” at the Loft at Liz’s. Artists with roots in 10 countries — including Lili Bernard, Joel García and Sandy Rodriguez — explore what it means to be an immigrant in the United States at this moment in time. Some of the work also focuses on the experience of the recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood arrivals program (known as DACA). As part of this, comedian Johan Miranda will perform a set on his own experiences in this area on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. *Opens Saturday and runs through Dec. 4. 453 S. La Brea Ave., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, theloftatlizs.com.*



"Nopalli Opuntia basilaris from the Codex Rodriguez Mondragon," 2017, by Sandy Rodriguez in "South of the Border." (Sandy Rodriguez)

"The Tide Was Always High: Musical Interventions," in locations around Los Angeles. Author and curator Josh Kun has organized a musical series that looks at the ways in which Latin American musicians have shaped Los Angeles and vice versa. This will include a set by Chicano Batman at LACMA inspired by the work of painter Carlos Almaraz, and a performance at the downtown Palace Theatre that honors the Spanish-language vaudeville shows of the 1950s. *The next show takes place on Oct. 26 at the Downtown Palace Theatre, and will be a tribute to Latin American variety shows of yore. Check the website for locations and ticket information, tidewasahwayshigh.com.*

Kim Dingle, "Yipes," at Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects. The Los Angeles artist is presenting three new series of work in her first exhibition at Vielmetter. Dingle has frequently portrayed little girls in feral acts of distraction both in painting and installation — and she continues the theme in a pair of new series that touch on the theme, albeit in more abstracted ways. Also on view are a series of "nature" paintings that employ panels of flakeboard as the base for abstractions that riff on color and form. *Through Nov. 11. 6006 Washington Blvd., Culver City, vielmetter.com.*



"Painting Blindfolded (punti)," 2017, by Kim Dingle, on view at Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects. (Jeff McLane / Vielmetter)

Last chance

"BC to BC: New Ceramic Art from Baja California to British Columbia," at the San Diego Art Institute. Want to know what's happening in the world of ceramic art? This broad survey is the show to see, featuring ceramic sculpture drawn from the entire Pacific Coast, from British Columbia in Canada to Baja California in Mexico. This includes work from almost three dozen contemporary artists, including Peter Shire, Allison Schulnik, Juan Villavicencio and Michael Parker. *Through Friday, 1439 El Prado, San Diego, sandiego-art.org.*

Molly Larkey, a shape made through its unraveling, at Ochi Projects. Larkey takes recognizable structures — letters of the alphabet, cinder blocks, bits of steels — and refashions them into objects that are vastly more open-ended. One work will consist of a series of ceramic pieces that will be dispersed as a series of pendants, given to visitors to wear or to keep — a big work that will exist in many fragments. *Through Saturday, 3301 W. Washington Blvd., Arlington Heights, Los Angeles, ochiprojects.com.*



"Inhabit, Move, Stall, Rise" 2017, by Molly Larkey, at Ochi Projects. (Heather Rasmussen)

"Tell Me A Story, Contemporary Mexican Photography," at Kopeikin Gallery. An exhibition curated by artist Alejandro Cartagena brings together a mix of contemporary photographers working in Mexico — some in ways that toy with the nature of the medium; others that more directly tangle with issues of politics amid the country's turmoil. Also on view will be a new installation by Cartagena titled "The Collective Memory of the Worst Place to Live in the World Today If You Are Not White," which examines life in the city of Santa Barbara. *Through Saturday, 2766 S. La Cienega Blvd., Culver City, kopeikingallery.com.*

"Vamos a Jugar en las Ruinas: A Survey of Work by Eloy Torrez," at Plaza de la Raza. The Chicano painter, known for photorealistic canvases that also touch on the surreal, is showcasing three decades worth of work in this broad survey of his painting and drawing. *Through Saturday, On Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a screening of a film about Torrez's "Pope of Broadway" mural. 3540 N. Mission Rd., Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles, plazadelaraza.org.*



"Two For Me, One For You," by Eloy Torrez at Plaza de la Raza. (Eloy Torrez)

Lorenzo Hurtado Segovia, "Vida, pasión y muerte," at CB1 Gallery. In his fifth solo show at the gallery, the L.A.-based artist, known for his elaborate works of woven paper (known as *papel tejido*) is turning his attention to traditional woodworking techniques, explorations of pattern and multimedia pieces that are inspired by aspects of Christian theology. Also on view are a series of beguiling new paintings that employ tar from the La Brea Tar Pits. *Through Saturday, 1923 S. Santa Fe Ave., downtown Los Angeles, cb1gallery.com.*

Carolina Caycedo, Clarissa Tossin and Kim Farkas and LAMOA, at Commonwealth and Council. The gallery is launching a trio of interesting exhibitions this week. The first, titled "Hunger as Teacher," features work by Colombian artist Carolina Caycedo from her ongoing project "Be Dammed," which examines the effect of dams on riverside communities as well as larger ecologies. The second, "The Mayan," showcases art by Clarissa Tossin, an artist preoccupied with architecture, who has created a series of sculptures inspired by the Mayan Revival-style of architecture of the 1920s. And the last, "Le bien comun," is a collaboration between artist Kim Farkas and the experimental exhibition space, the Los Angeles Museum of Art. *Through Saturday, 3006 W. 7th St., Suite 220, Koreatown, Los Angeles, commonwealthandcouncil.com.*

Rafael Cardenas, "From the Holocene," in Chinatown. An exhibition of all-new work by the Boyle Heights photographer captures the harsh aspects of street and city life in Los Angeles. *Through Saturday, 977 1/2 Chung King Rd., Chinatown, Los Angeles, rafa.la.*



"Freddy," by Rafael Cardenas, from the artist's solo show "From the Holocene" in Chinatown. (Rafael Cardenas)

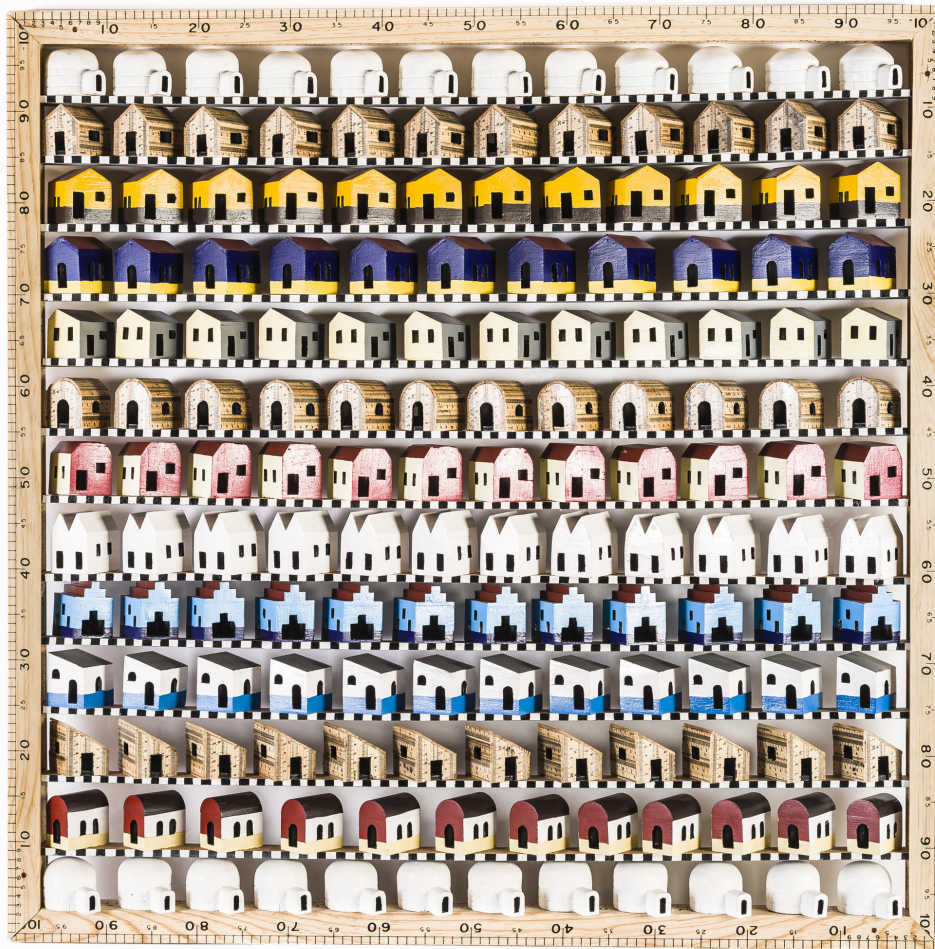
"El eje del mal," at Ruberta. Five avant-garde Latin American galleries have joined forces to create a rotating exhibition pop-up space that will run for a year. Galería Agustina Ferreyra, Lodos, and BWSMX (all from Mexico City, as well as Proyectos Ultravioleta from Guatemala City and Carne, based in Bogota, each will take turns staging two month exhibitions at a space adjacent to the Pit in Glendale. *Through Sunday. 918 Ruberta Ave., Unit B, Glendale, ruberta.la.*

"I Started Something I Couldn't Finish: The Smiths & Morrissey Collection," at These Days. This one is for Moz Angeles: The gallery at These Days has pulled together a collection of Smiths and Morrissey posters originally displayed in subway stations and record stores — from the archives of a fan/collector who prefers to remain anonymous. *Through Sunday 118 Winston St., 2nd Fl., downtown Los Angeles, thesedaysla.com.*

Ongoing exhibitions

Adriana Varejao, "Interiors," at Gagosian Gallery. A broad survey looks at the work of the Brazilian artist, known for paintings and sculpture that riff on the architectonic: This includes renderings of invented saunas (which have a surprising depth) and sculptures that explore the unseemly insides of the systems we build. *Through Oct. 25. 456 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills, gagosian.com.*

Pedro Friedeberg, "Tetragrammoebius," at M+B. This is the first solo gallery exhibition in Los Angeles for the prominent Mexican artist, who is known for producing works — paintings, drawings, textiles, furnishings — that Cuisinart optical art, religious symbology, Pop and architectural design (among many other influences). He is an artist who plays with pattern as much as the mystical — in ways that are almost hallucination-inducing. *Through Oct. 28. 612 N. Almont Drive, West Hollywood, mbart.com.*



"Infonavit de las cucarachas (Cockroach Housing Project)," 2000, by Pedro Friedeberg at M+B. (Rodrigo Alcocer de Garay)

"Becoming America: Highlights From the Jonathan and Karin Fielding Collection," at the Huntington Library. The Huntington has just redone its American art galleries and now features a new expansion by architects at Frederick Fisher and Partners that adds eight rooms for display. Up first is an exhibition devoted to the Fielding Collection, featuring more than 200 works of 18th and early 19th century American art, including paintings, furnishings and decorative art. *Through Oct. 28, 2019. 151 Oxford Road, San Marino, huntington.org.*

ProyectosLA, gallery pop-up in Chinatown. Almost two dozen art spaces from around Latin America have gotten together to create a six-week pop-up that will bring together work by artists from spaces such as OMR in Mexico City, Revolver in Peru, Walden from Argentina and Brazil's Vermelho. And it's not a cluttered agglomeration of booths. Instead, a pair of curators — Luiza Teixeira de Freitas and Claudia Segura — have organized a special exhibition that draws from the artists represented by each gallery that features work from the mid 20th century to the present in a stark warehouse setting. This is definitely worth the trip. *Opens Sunday at noon and runs through Oct. 28. Werkärtz Studios, 1667 N. Main St, Chinatown, Los Angeles, proyectosla.com.*



"Mártires de Chicago," by Magdalena Jitrik," at ProyectosLA. ((Carolina A. Miranda / Los Angeles Times))

Regina José Galindo, “Bearing Witness,” at Baik Art. A solo show looks at the work of the Guatemalan performance artist, who is renowned for pushing her body to the limit in performances that touch on the political and social conditions in her native country. *Through Oct. 28. On Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m., the artist will be present for a talk with curator Alma Ruiz. Plus there will be a special closing performance on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. 2600 S. La Cienega Blvd., Culver City, baikart.com.*

Retna, “Mano a Mano,” at New Image Art. The Los Angeles graffiti artist, known for his calligraphic murals and canvases, turns to figurative paintings inspired by the Spanish art that arrived in the Americas via colonization. The show is one of the commercial gallery exhibitions associated with Pacific Standard Time. *Through Oct. 28. 7920 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, newimageartgallery.com.*

Rochele Gomez, “Warm Days, Cool Vons,” at Mandujano Cell. The chain grocery supplies the material for this exhibition, in which the artist uses Vons bags and other materials to create generic representations of beauty. Think: sunsets, blue skies, and puffy white clouds. *Through Oct. 28. 171 N. La Brea Ave., #204, Inglewood, mandujano-cell.com.*

Lawrence Halprin, “Alternative Scores — Drawing From Life,” at Edward Cella Art & Architecture. This is the first exhibition to bring together the rarely seen drawings of landscape architect Lawrence Halprin, who was known for designing Freeway Park in Seattle and the Sea Ranch community north of San Francisco. The designer used drawing as a way of conceiving projects but also to record the world around him. This includes landscapes, whimsical images of dancers, abstract patterns and random personal objects. *Through Oct. 28. 2754 S. La Cienega Blvd., Culver City, edwardcella.com.*

“Primordial saber tararear...” at Regen Projects. Curated by gallery artists Abraham Cruzvillegas and Gabriel Kuri, the show takes as a point of inspiration an illustrated cultural map created master Mexican painter and illustrator Miguel Covarrubias. (It serves as a bold wallpaper for the room.) From there, it connects to work by a range of international artists who are in dialogue with Covarrubias’ (and therefore Latin America’s) ideas. This will include pieces by figures such as Germán Venegas, Michael Stevenson and Ariel Schlesinger, among others. It’s full of humor and political bite. A must-see. *Through Oct. 28. 6750 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, regenprojects.com.*



An installation view of “Primordial Saber Tararear...” organized by Gabriel Kuri and Abraham Cruzvillegas at Regen Projects. (Brian Forrest / Regen Projects)

“We Are Here/Estamos Aquí,” at SDSU’s Downtown Gallery. A group exhibition looks at the ways in which artists have tackled the question of the U.S.-Mexico border in photography — be it installation, landscape portraiture or still life. The show includes work from both sides of the border, including pieces by Ingrid Hernandez, Stefan Falke, Tom Kiefer, Pieter Wisse and the group Borderclick. *Through Oct. 29. 725 W. Broadway, San Diego, art.sdsu.edu.*

J. Michael Walker, “Pages from a Bahia Diary,” at Gallery 38. In 2011, the Los Angeles artist traveled to Bahia for a fellowship courtesy of the Sacatar Foundation, and that journey inspired the works in this one-man show. On view are portraits of women from Bahia rendered on antiquarian texts — in this case, a Dutch book documenting colonial Brazil in the 17th century. *Through Oct. 29. 5376 W. Adams Blvd., West Adams, Los Angeles, gallery38.com.*

Carmen Argote, “Pyramids,” at Panel LA. The Los Angeles artist has one of the show-stoppers at “Home — So Different, So Appealing” at LACMA and also has an installation on view at the pop-up gallery space ProyectosLA. This solo exhibition gets at her work in more depth, featuring a large-scale new installation, as well as drawings and video, that explore questions of luxury and value. *Through Oct. 29. 1914 Raymond Ave., Pico-Union, Los Angeles, panel.la.*



From a series titled "Arrangement of Wares" by **Carmen Argote** at Panel LA, made with coffee on paper. (**Carmen Argote**)

"Chingaderas Sofisticadas," at Kohn Gallery. The gallery has brought together nine artists from Guadalajara, a traditional craft center that is also a burgeoning hotbed of contemporary art. Showcasing works by artists such as Eduardo Sarabia, Cynthia Gutiérrez and Gonzalo Lebríja, among others, the show explores the lively intersection between materials and conceptualism. *Through Nov. 4. 1227 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, kohngallery.com.*

Jeremy Anderson, "Taking the World Apart is Easy, It is Getting it Back Together in an Acceptable Form that is Difficult," at the Landing. A retrospective exhibition examines the work of a key Northern California sculptor, one known for abstracted works made from a wide range of materials, including wood and magnesite. These come together in alien-like biomorphic forms, totemic statues and abstracted landscapes. It's the first large-scale survey of his work in more than 20 years and will feature sculptures and drawings made between 1950 and 1982. *Through Nov. 4. 5118 W. Jefferson Blvd., West Adams, Los Angeles, thelandinggalleries.com.*

Amir H. Fallah, "A Stranger in Your Home," at Shulamit Nazarian. In canvases that capture arrangements of figures, landscapes and objects, the Los Angeles painter channels aspects of the immigrant experience in the United States. Expect lush botanical scenes, layered textiles and figures that often remain an ambiguous part of their setting. *Through Nov. 4. 616 N. La Brea Ave., Hollywood, shulamitnazarian.com.*



"Young Pioneers," by Amir Fallah, from the artist's solo show at Shulamit Nazarian. ((Amir H. Fallah / Shulamit Nazarian))

Mary Corse, "Then and Now," at Kayne Griffin Corcoran. One of the masters of the effects of light and space is back with a solo exhibition of new works that riff on the elusive nature of light and reflection, as well as shape and form. *Through Nov. 11. 1201 S. La Brea Ave., Mid-Wilshire, kaynegriffincorcoran.com.*

"Nemesio Antúñez: Chilean Master," at Couturier Gallery. When it comes to surrealism in Latin America, it is Chilean painter Roberto Matta who frequently gets all the props. But his countryman Nemesio Antúñez was a key part of the movement. This exhibition brings together 26 paintings and prints from the 1940s to the '80s, covering the long arc of a productive career. *Through Nov. 11. 166 N. La Brea Ave., Hancock Park, Los Angeles, couturiergallery.com.*

"The Mortal Machine: Art of Maxine Kim Stussy & Jan Stussy," at Woodbury University. This is a follow-up to an earlier show by the L.A. art couple (that was held at Woodbury University's gallery space on Hollywood Boulevard), and it will focus on the nature of the human body — including doll-like figurines that toy with aspects of anatomy. Organized by independent curator Michael Duncan, the show is a continuing investigation into the work of the Southern California pair. *Through Nov. 12. 7500 Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank, facebook.com/nanraegallery.*

"A Narrow Passage" at Noysky Projects. A group show at the Hollywood space has put together a range of works that deal with themes of "constriction, compression and concealment." Expect works that are bound, wrapped and contain hidden layers. Artists featured include Katya Usvitsky, James Gilbert and Jenny Rask. *Through Nov. 12. 6727 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, noyskyprojects.com.*

[Eff] the Patriarchy, at Gas. This gallery operates out of a truck that parks around Los Angeles. For this politically minded show (note: it contains salty art language) figures such as Jibz Cameron, Roy Martinez, Ana Roldán, Gallery Y2K and Paul Chan and Badlands Unlimited take on the topic of refusal. As the press release notes, "especially relevant under Donald Trump's presidency." *Through Nov. 18. Check the website for locations, gas.gallery.*

"DTLA: Works for Latin America," by Track 16. Once located at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica, Track 16 is celebrating a new location in downtown Los Angeles, in the Bendix Building (near Santee Alley). The focus of the show, in keeping with the Latin America theme that is currently occupying the Los Angeles art world, will be on contemporary works from the region, including painted illustrations by Peruvian conceptual artist Fernando Bryce, assemblage by the Argentinean collective Mondongo and ceramics by Mexican artist Luis Miguel Suro. *Through Nov. 18. Bendix Building, 1206 Maple Ave., #1005, downtown Los Angeles, track16.com.*



"Aquel fin de siglo feliz," 1999 by Saidel Brito, at Track 16 — in its new location in the Bendix Building. (Saidel Brito / Track 16)

"A Woman's Place..." at the William Grant Still Arts Center. This exhibition is inspired by the lives and work of five activist women of color: civil rights activists Angela Davis and Ericka Huggins, antiwar activist Yuri Kochiyama, community organizer Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez and health advocate Jewel Thais-Williams (who also happened to be the founder of one of L.A.'s pioneering gay nightclubs). The show will feature ephemera related to these women's lives — as well as artwork inspired by their journeys. *Through Nov. 18. 2520 South West View St., West Adams, Los Angeles, wgsac.wordpress.com.*

Christina Fernandez, "Prospect," at Gallery Luisotti. A series of photographs taken through windows capture blurred vistas at historic sites such as the Manzanar internment camp and the Point Fermin Lighthouse in San Pedro. Also included is the series "reflect/project(ion)," collaborative images in which Fernandez projects images onto individuals as she photographs them. *Through Nov. 22. 2525 Michigan Ave., A2, Santa Monica, galleryluisotti.com.*

"James hd Brown: Life and Work in Mexico" at the Fisher Museum. Brown is the Glendale-born co-founder, with his wife Alexandra Maria Brown, of Carpe Diem Press, based in Oaxaca, an art book publishing house that has produced works by Graciela Iturbide, Joan Jonas, Dr. Lakra and Kiki Smith. This exhibition features elements from the book projects as well as Brown's own artwork — with an eye toward how the cultural landscape in Mexico has helped shape his ideas. *Through Dec. 2. 823 W. Exposition Blvd., Exposition Park, Los Angeles, fisher.usc.edu.*

Juan Downey, "Radiant Nature," at Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions and Pitzer College Art Galleries. A two-part exhibition looks at the work of the experimental, Chilean-born artist who was known for his happenings and participatory work, as well as installation pieces that explored the connection between nature and technology. *Through Dec. 3 at LACE, 6522 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, welcometolace.org. Through Dec. 8 at Pitzer, 1050 N. Mills Ave., Claremont, pitzer.edu/galleries.*

"Sacred Art in the Age of Contact: Chumash and Latin American Traditions in Santa Barbara," at the Art, Design & Architecture Museum and the Santa Barbara Historical Museum. This is one of the key PST: LA/LA focusing on historical California — specifically, the early Mission period, when Spanish and indigenous communities first came into contact. The show is focused on religious objects made by individuals of both cultures, including sculpture and painting. *At the Santa Barbara Historical Museum through Jan. 14. 136 East de la Guerra, Santa Barbara, sbhistorical.org. At the Art, Design & Architecture Museum and runs through Dec. 8. UC Santa Barbara, 552 University Rd. Santa Barbara, museum.ucsb.edu.*

Pablo Helguera and Suzanne Lacy, "The Schoolhouse and the Bus," at the Art, Design & Architecture Museum. This PST: LA/LA show in Santa Barbara pairs work by two artists well known in the field of social practice, both of whom have had mobile projects in the past. Lacy will be showing elements from "Skin of Memory," a project that gathered personal objects from a Medellín neighborhood that was ground zero in the '80s Colombian drug war — and that she showcased in a mobile museum that toured the neighborhood. Helguera, in the meantime, will display elements and documentation from his "School of Panamerican Unrest," a portable schoolhouse structure that he took all over the Americas and used as a staging ground for discussions about Panamerican ideals and other topics. *Through Dec. 8. UC Santa Barbara, 552 University Rd., Santa Barbara, museum.ucsb.edu.*



A child gazes at objects gathered in Suzanne Lacy's "Skin of Memory," which gathered objects from a neighborhood in Medellín that was at the heart of the drug wars. (Suzanne Lacy)

“Playing With Fire: Paintings by Carlos Almaraz,” at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. He was an activist and artist, a founder of the groundbreaking collective Los Four, but also a singular painter whose deeply saturated visions of Southern California — its car crashes and its landscapes — bordered on the hallucinatory. This exhibition represents the first major survey devoted to the Los Angeles artist, who died at the age of 48 from AIDS-related complications. The show features 65 works and will be accompanied by the publication of the first full-length monograph devoted to Almaraz's life and work. *Through Dec. 3. 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, lacma.org.*

“¡Mírame! Expressions of Queer Latinx Art,” at La Plaza de Cultura y Artes. A group show brings together artists from various Latino backgrounds who explore issues of sexuality and identity in their art, including Xandra Ibarra, Alma Lopez, Julio Salgado and noted photographer Laura Aguilar, known for the striking portraits she creates of herself and others. *Through Dec. 9. 501 N. Main St., downtown Los Angeles, lapca.org.*

Fran Siegel, “Lineage Through Landscape: Tracing Egun in Brazil,” at the Fowler Museum. A large-scale drawing project by the Long Beach-based artist was inspired by a recent residency in Brazil, where she conducted research in, among other places, the Island of Itaparica, an important center of Afro-Brazilian religious practice. Her 40-foot-long piece consists of a weaving that brings together strips of fabric and drawings of sacred plants on translucent film — a record of the landscapes she inhabited, and the troubled histories some of those represent. *Through Dec. 10. UCLA, 308 Charles E. Young Drive North, Westwood, Los Angeles, fowler.ucla.edu.*

“David Lamelas: A Life of Their Own,” at the University Art Museum. This is the first monographic exhibition devoted to the pioneering conceptual artist, who first gained international attention in 1968 for his work “Office of Information about the Vietnam War at Three Levels,” staged at the Venice Biennale. The piece consisted of an office-style setting in which an attendant would intermittently deliver headlines about the war in three languages. This exhibition gathers many of Lamelas' key works — including video installations, performance documentation and his post-minimalist sculptures. *Through Dec. 10. CSULB, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, csulb.edu/university-art-museum.*

Carolyn Castaño, “A Female Topography,” at Laband Gallery. This is the first career survey of the Los Angeles painter known for brilliant canvases that explore issues of gender identity (particularly in Latin America), the cultural effects of the drug trade, and the social and environmental conditions faced by women in Colombia, the country her family hails from. Her work riffs ebulliently on tropical color palettes and pattern. This is one not to miss. *Through Dec. 10. Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Drive, Westchester, Los Angeles, cfa.lmu.edu/labandgallery.*



"Beauty Queen and Druglord (Laura Zufiga and Angel Garcia Urquiza)," 2009, by Carolyn Castaño, from her survey at Laband. ((Carolyn Castaño))

"A Universal History of Infamy: Virtues of Disparity," at the 18th Street Arts Center. This represents Part 2 of the exhibition of the same name that recently opened at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The show includes 16 U.S. Latino and Latin American artists whose work often employs elements of research and anthropology and explores a range of global concerns. This will include small-scale pieces as well as three new projects produced for the site. *Through Dec. 15. 1639 18th St., Santa Monica, 18thstreet.org.*

"The Great Wall of Los Angeles: Judith F. Baca's Experimentations in Collaboration and Concrete" at the University Art Galleries. This show surveys the nearly 50-year career of the Los Angeles muralist, known for the collaborative 2,754-long mural "The Great Wall," painted in the Tujunga Flood Control Channel in the 1970s and now part of the National Register of Historic Places. Part of PST: LA/LA, the exhibition brings together photography, drawings and other ephemera related to Baca's life and work. *Through Dec. 16. Cal State University Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, csun.edu.*

Eduardo Sarabia, "Drifting on a Dream," at The Mistake Room. The L.A.-born, Guadalajara-based artist is known for a wide-ranging practice that includes fabricating tequila and creating traditional-looking ceramics that riff on popular culture, commerce and politics. The show, which functions as an immersive installation, includes a stage that will be employed for a range of events — including as a set for video that Sarabia is in the process of shooting. *Through Dec. 16. 1811 20th St., downtown Los Angeles, tmr.la.*

"Aztlán to Magulandia: The journey of Chicano artist Gilbert 'Magu' Luján," at the University Art Galleries. This is the first museum survey of one of Chicano art's most notable figures: Luján, a pioneering member of the 1970s collective Los Four, and a painter known for creating iconographic paintings and murals that featured anthropomorphic animal figures, pyramids that transform into dogs, highly stylized lowriders, and people and landscape. It was work that drew from pop as much as it did from indigenous themes. *Through Dec. 16. UC Irvine, 712 Arts Plaza, Claire Trevor School of the Arts, Irvine, uag.arts.uci.edu.*



"Barrio Logos: Displacement and Iconography," at Residency. A group exhibition organized by Oscar Magallanes looks at the most potent symbols of Chicano culture — from murals to fashion to car culture — that have been criminalized even as they have defined the Southern California aesthetic. The show includes work by Mile "El Mac" MacGregor, Patrick Martinez, Pablo Cristi, Vincent Valdez and others. *Through Dec. 16. 310 E. Queen St., Inglewood, residencyart.com.*

"Prometheus 2017: Four Artists from Mexico Revisit Orozco," at the Pomona College Museum of Art. Pomona College is the site of an important mural by Mexican master José Clemente Orozco. For this PST: LA/LA exhibition, the curators have gathered the work of four female artists working in Mexico — Isa Carrillo, Adela Goldbard, Rita Ponce de León and Naomi Rincón-Gallardo — whose work resonates with Orozco on topics such as history, justice, power and storytelling. *At 7 p.m. Nov. 18, Goldbard will perform a fireworks exhibit in conjunction with the show — so mark your calendars. Through Dec. 16. 330 N. College Ave., Claremont, pomona.edu/museum.*

"Video Art in Latin America," at LAXART. A comprehensive look at the history of video art in Latin America, this group exhibition brings together more than 60 works from all over the continent dating back to the 1960s. Organized by theme (instead of region or chronology), the works cover subjects such as political memory, the body and crisis. *Through Dec. 16. 7000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, laxart.org.*



"Una milla de cruces sobre el pavimento," 1979, by Lolly Rosenfeld, at LAXART. ((Lolly Rosenfeld))

"Coastal/Border," at the Angels Gate Cultural Center. As part of PST: LA/LA, the San Pedro cultural center has put together an exhibition of performance and installation, organized by Raquel Gutiérrez and Martabel Wasserman, that will have artists engaging with the coast and its various meanings. This includes a choir performance, a ritual happening and a screening of "Greeting Friends" by Paul Pescador, which reconsiders Walt Disney's famous World War II-era film "Saludos Amigos." *The exhibition portion is on view through Dec. 17. Check the website for event dates and times. 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro, angelsgate.org.*

"Alfredo Ramos Martínez and Latin American Modernism," at Louis Stern Fine Arts. The art of the prominent Mexican Modernist painter (Ramos' work is in the permanent collection of the L.A. County Museum of Art) is juxtaposed against the work of other important Latin American artists, including Claudio Bravo, Carlos Cruz-Diez, Manuel Ojeda and other key figures of the 20th century. *Through Dec. 23. 9002 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, louissternfinearts.com.*

Dinh Q. Lê, "The Scrolls: Distortion," at Shoshana Wayne Gallery. In his seventh solo show at the gallery, the Vietnam-based artist has created a series of scrolls that feature an image that has been relentlessly stretched but which still retains aspects of the recognizable. The work nods to traditional scroll painting (in which only a small piece of the scroll is unfurled at any one time) but also plays with the nature of photography. An adjacent gallery displays images woven into large textile-like objects that employ Vietnamese mat-weaving techniques. *Through Dec. 23. Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave., B1, Santa Monica, shoshanawayne.com.*



Dinh Q. Lê has a show of manipulated photographs at Shoshana Wayne Gallery. (Dinh Q. Lê / Shoshana Wayne)

"We the People: Serving Notice," at the American Museum of Ceramic Art. Directly engaging the complicated politics of our era, the museum has invited a range of ceramics artists to create works that "serve notice" on a range of contemporary issues, including immigration, human rights, freedom of speech and myriad other topics. This includes work by Jessica Putnam-Phillips, Peter Olson, Robert Lugo and many others. *Through Dec. 30. 399 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, amoca.org.*

"Radical Women: Latin American Art 1960-85," at the Hammer Museum. Years in the making, this exhibition by independent curators Andrea Giunta and Cecilia Fajardo-Hill, is a survey of art by groundbreaking Latin American and U.S. Latina artists and the ways in which they used the body as canvas and subject. It will bring together artists from all over the continent, some laboring in oppressive social conditions; others, in outright dictatorships — and it will write into the history books work by women that is too often overlooked. *Through Dec. 31. 10899 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood, Los Angeles, hammer.ucla.edu.*

"Martín Ramírez: His Life in Pictures, Another Interpretation," at ICA LA. The self-taught artist Martín Ramírez has drawn the attention of museums in the past for the bold, stylized drawings of horses, trains and caballeros he made over decades while institutionalized in a California psychiatric institution during the 20th century. The show represents the debut of the ICA LA in its new downtown space. It was formerly the Santa Monica Museum of Art. *Through Dec. 31. 1717 E. 7th St., downtown Los Angeles, theicala.org.*



"Untitled (Horse and Red Rider)," by Martin Ramirez, at the Institute of Contemporary Art. (Photo by Tom Van Eynde / Collection of Jim Nutt and Gladys Nilsson))

Anna Maria Maiolino, at the Museum of Contemporary Art. This is the first comprehensive U.S. museum survey of the work of the Italian-born Brazilian artist, who over the course of her restless, five-decade career has explored themes of repression, marginalization and womanhood. This includes photography, performance and three-dimensional assemblage. A large room contains one of her vast unfired-clay installations — bursting with small and large forms — a tribute to process and viscera. This too is part of the PST: LA/LA circuit. And it's one not to miss. *Through Dec. 31. 250 S. Grand Ave., downtown Los Angeles, moca.org.*

"Nervously Engendered: The Art of Gerardo Velazquez," at Coagula Curatorial. The pioneering East L.A. musician, founder of the band Nervous Gender, was as much about making experimental music as he was about creating a queer Chicano aesthetic. This show gathers his art work and ephemera from his music career. *Through Dec. 31. 974 Chung King Road, Chinatown, Los Angeles, coagulacuratorial.com.*

Axis Mundo: Queer Networks in Chicano L.A., at MOCA Pacific Design Center and ONE Gallery. This is another ground-breaking PST: LA/LA exhibition. On view in two locations in West Hollywood, it tracks the art, music and performance work of a network of queer avant-garde artists from Los Angeles contending with issues such as sexuality, feminism, identity, punk music and their racial and ethnic identities. *Through Dec. 31. At MOCA PDC, 8687 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, and ONE Gallery, West Hollywood, 9007 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, one.usc.edu.*



"Merman With Mandolin," 1984, by Mundo Meza. ((Fredrik Nilsen / Collection of Jef Huereque))

"Neo Native: Toward New Mythologies," at the Maloof Foundation. This exhibition features more than 40 works by 11 contemporary U.S. artists with Native American roots — including painting, photography, ceramics and more. This includes works by painter Gerald Clarke Jr., ceramicist Diego Romero, conceptual artist Cannupa Hanska Luger and photographer Cara Romero. *Opens Sunday and runs through Jan. 7. 5131 Carnelian St., Alta Loma, maloofoundation.org.*

"Chagall: Fantasies for the Stage," at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Marc Chagall frequently depicted musicians and dancers in his paintings. He also painted the sets and costumes in which they performed. This exhibition at LACMA, organized by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in Canada, gathers Chagall's costumes, set designs and other ephemera from four productions: the ballet "Aleko," Stravinsky's "The Firebird," Maurice Ravel's "Daphnis and Chloé" and Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute." Expect pure, wondrous theater. *Through Jan. 7. 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, lacma.org.*

"The U.S.-Mexico Border: Place, Imagination and Possibility," at the Craft & Folk Art Museum. Given the political climate, a show about the U.S.-Mexico border could not be more poignant. And this particular exhibition looks at how the world's most heavily demarcated dividing line has inspired all manner of thinking about art, architecture, design, sculpture, photography and painting. If only our political leaders would go see it. *Through Jan. 7. 5814 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, cafam.org.*

"Hollywood in Havana: Five Decades of Cuban Posters Promoting U.S. Films," at the Pasadena Museum of California Art. Part of the Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles / Latin America series, this exhibition gathers five decades of Cuban posters promoting Hollywood films such as "Moby Dick" and Charlie Chaplin's "The Kid" (a.k.a. "El Chicuelo") — a whirlwind graphic tour of film history through a Caribbean lens. The museum also has an exhibition devoted to the work of California painter E. Charlton Fortune, a Californian known for creating impressionist and Modernist landscapes, as well as a range of ecclesiastical work. *Through Jan. 7. 490 E. Union St., Pasadena, pmcaonline.org.*

"Visual Voyages: Images of Latin American Nature from Columbus to Darwin," at the Huntington Library. A sumptuous exhibition surveys art, science and environment in Latin America through the publications and drawings of the myriad scientists and explorers who have visited the continent. The show consists of approximately 100 objects drawn from the Huntington's holdings and dozens of other collections, including illustrated manuscripts, rare books, drawings, and one singularly brilliant feathered cape. *Through Jan. 8. 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, huntington.org.*

"We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women, 1965-85," at the California African American Museum. A group show focuses on work by African American women artists and seeks to expand the conversation about social justice and feminism to include the many black artists who were also engaged in struggles for equality — both gender and racial. The exhibition includes work by key U.S. artists, including Betye Saar, Lorna Simpson, Maren Hassinger, Alison Saar and Lorraine O'Grady, among countless others. All I gotta say is: *yes* to this show! *Through Jan. 14. 600 Exposition Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, caam.org.*



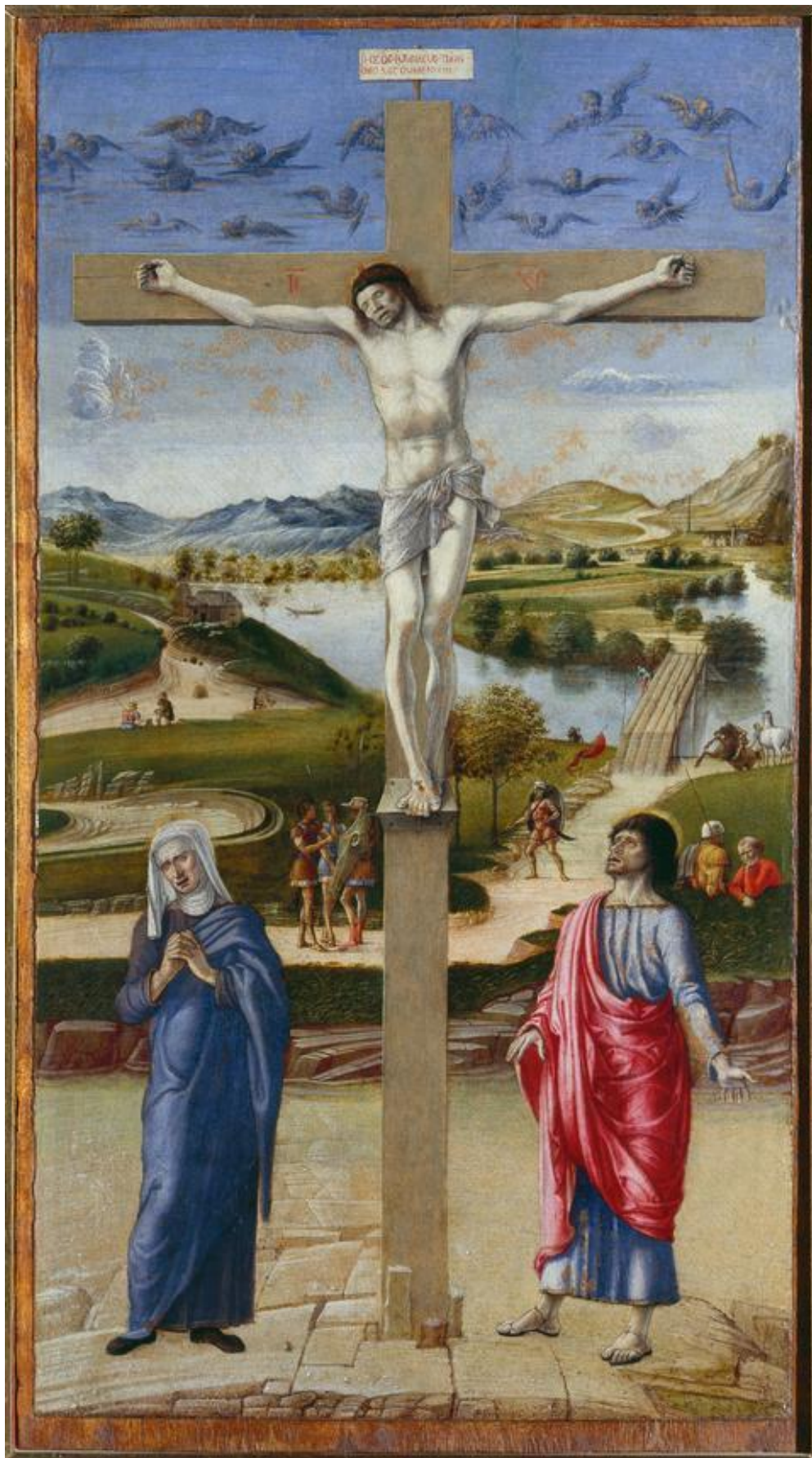
SHE SAW HIM DISAPPEAR BY THE RIVER,
THEY ASKED HER TO TELL WHAT HAPPENED,
ONLY TO DISCOUNT HER MEMORY.

"Waterbearer," 1986, by Lorna Simpson, at the California African American Museum. (From Lorna Simpson)

"How to Read El Pato Pascual: Disney's Latin America and Latin America's Disney," at the MAK Center and the Luckman Fine Arts Center. Organized by curator Jesse Lerner and artist Ruben Ortiz-Torres, this intriguing exhibition looks at the ways in which Disney was influenced by Latin America and how Latin America has taken Disney cartoon characters and co-opted them for its own purposes. It's a comprehensive look at how culture is reflected back and forth between the U.S. and Latin America — one based on imagery crafted in Disney's studio right in Los Angeles. For students of history, the related catalog is a must. *Through Jan. 14. MAK Center, 835 N. Kings Road, West Hollywood, makcenter.org. Luckman Fine Arts Center, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, luckmanarts.org.*

Maya Gurantz, "Deipnophoroi," at the Grand Central Art Center. This video installation is inspired by an ancient Greek festival documented by the essayist Plutarch, in which a community would reenact a mythical ritual of sending young men to be fed as sacrifice to the Minotaur. As part of it, women were allowed to bring food to comfort their children as they faced terrible death. Gurantz has created a video diptych that reflects on the idea of a mother preparing her child for "the unutterable." *Through Jan. 14. 125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, grandcentralartcenter.com.*

"Giovanni Bellini: Landscapes of Faith in Renaissance Venice" at the Getty Museum. Bellini was one of the most influential painters to emerge out of the European Renaissance. This exhibition looks at the ways in which the painter employed landscapes in his religious paintings, producing naturalistic backdrops that added an unprecedented element of reality to the art of the era. *Through Jan. 14. 1200 Getty Center Drive, Brentwood, Los Angeles, getty.edu.*



"Crucifixion With the Virgin and St. John the Evangelist," c. 1458-59, from an exhibition focused on the painter's landscape work at the Getty Museum. (Cameraphoto Arte, Venice / Art Resource, NY)

"Kinesthesia: Latin American Kinetic Art, 1954-1969," by Palm Springs Art Museum. Paris has long been thought of as the heart of the kinetic art movement — art that plays with light, form and shape to create a sensory experience. But this exhibition, organized by guest curator Dan Cameron as part of the Pacific Standard Time: Los Angeles / Latin America series, looks at the contributions to the movement by important South American figures. This includes innovative work by key figures as Carlos Cruz-Diez, Julio Le Parc and Martha Boto. Definitely worth a weekend in the desert. *Through Jan. 15.* 101 N. Museum Dr., Palm Springs, psmuseum.org.

“Memories of Underdevelopment: Art and the Decolonial Turn in Latin America, 1960-85,” at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. A group exhibition organized in collaboration with the Museo Jumex in Mexico City and the Museo de Arte de Lima in Peru focuses on the ways in which Latin American artists have contended with the evaporating promise of Modernism in the 1960s through the 1980s — a period racked by instability and brutal dictatorships — with wildly experimental and politically charged works. The show includes pieces by figures such as Hélio Oiticica, Lygia Pape, Eugenio Espinoza and others. This is a PST: LA/LA must-see. *Through Jan. 21. 1100 Kettner Blvd., San Diego, mcsd.org.*

“Below the Underground: Renegade Art and Action in 1990s Mexico” at the Armory Center for the Arts. With Mexico City in the process of recovering from a 7.1 earthquake, it could not be a more timely moment for this exhibition, which looks at the underground movements and artists who helped shape the scene of the '90s. (A scene, formed in part, by the DIY spirit that arose in response to Mexico City's devastating 1985 quake.) The show, part of the PST: LA/LA series of exhibitions, includes work by figures such as Eduardo Abaroa, Teresa Margolles and the collective Pinto Mi Raya. *Through Jan. 22. 145 N. Raymond Ave., Pasadena, armoryarts.org.*

Ruben Ochoa, “Sampled y Surveyed,” at Art + Practice. Over the course of his career, the Oceanside-born artist has long used elements of the urban landscape as his primary material: chain link, concrete, steel and bits of earth. In fact, Ochoa once quite famously jammed a slab of wall and a mound of earth into a room for an installation that looked as if a destabilized portion of freeway had crashed into a white cube. This exhibition at Art + Practice considers Ochoa's large-scale pieces and the ways in which they employ, manipulate and transform space. *Through Jan. 27. 3401 W. 43rd St., Leimert Park, Los Angeles, artandpractice.org.*

Judithe Hernández and Patssi Valdez: One Path Two Journeys, at the Millard Sheets Art Center. Two of Los Angeles' most iconic Chicana artists come together for this two-woman show, which features a broad selection of current works as well as a new collaborative installation. The Millard Sheets Art Center is at the L.A. County Fairgrounds, which means that after you check out the show, you can always pop into the fair for some funnel cake. *Through Jan. 28. 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, pacificstandardtime.org.*

“Golden Kingdoms: Luxury and Legacy in the Ancient Americas,” at the Getty Museum. An international exhibition featuring more than 300 masterpieces from throughout Latin America chronicles the most refined examples of craft and artisanry from about 1000 BC to the arrival of the Europeans. This includes sumptuous works of gold, ceramic, painting and textile from the ancient kingdoms of Peru, Mexico, Guatemala and Colombia. *Through Jan. 28. 1200 Getty Center Dr., Brentwood, Los Angeles, getty.edu.*



An octopus frontlet from AD 300-600 by the Moche people of northern Peru, in "Golden Kingdoms" at the Getty Museum. ((Museo de la Nación, Lima / Ministerio de Cultura del Perú))

“Condemned to be Modern,” at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery. This exhibition looks at the ways in which Latin American artists have contended with the legacy of Modernist architecture throughout the continent, looking at its innovations, and the ways it has and hasn't fulfilled its utopic ideals in countries such as Mexico, Cuba and Brazil. *Through Jan. 28. 4800 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, lamag.org.*

Laura Aguilar, “Show and Tell,” at the Vincent Price Art Museum. This is the first comprehensive retrospective devoted to the Southern California photographer, who chronicled queer life in Los Angeles, and also devoted a good portion of her photographic practice to visceral self-portraits she staged in the wilderness. These play with texture, form, body image and what it means to be a woman. It's a long overdue look at a singular L.A. photographer. *Through Feb. 10. 1301 Cesar Chavez Ave., Monterey Park, vincentpriceartmuseum.org.*

“Kukuli Velarde: Plunder Me Baby,” at the American Museum of Ceramic Art. The U.S.-based Peruvian artist is known for producing sculpture, inspired by indigenous ceramics, that use ancient symbols to tweak contemporary culture and its prejudices. *Through Feb. 11. 399 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, amoca.org.*

“La Raza,” at the Autry Museum of the American West. In its day, the civil rights publication “La Raza,” which was based in Lincoln Heights, served as a bible for the Chicano movement, covering protest, policy and everyday life for the Mexican American communities of Los Angeles. Over the years, the paper amassed an archive of 25,000 images, recently digitized by the Chicano Studies Research Center. Many are now on view as part of this PST: LA/LA show at the Autry — and in a time of political strife surrounding the issues of civil rights, this exhibition couldn't be more timely. Also on view is Harry Gamboa Jr.'s photographic series “Chicano Male Unbonded.” *Through Feb 10. 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, theautry.org.*



A photograph by Luis Garza shows students leading a protest march in Belvedere Park in January of 1971, from the exhibition "La Raza" at the Autry. ((Luis Garza / UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center))

Standing Rock: Art and Solidarity, at the Autry. The Standing Rock protest in North Dakota attracted an unprecedented protest that brought together native and non-native cultures in a unified front against the proposed Dakota Access pipeline. This exhibition gathers ephemera from that action, including poster art, clothing and photographs. *Through Feb. 18. 4700 Western Heritage Way, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, theautry.org.*

"A Universal History of Infamy," at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The latest in the PST: LA/LA series brings together the work of 16 Latin American and U.S. Latino artists that challenge notions of region. Many of the artists don't inhabit a single country — often going back and forth between multiple locations, cultures and ideas. The show includes installation and performance by artists such as Brazilian Carla Zaccagnini, who is preoccupied with history; Stefan Benchoam and Jessica Kairé, who manage an egg-shaped mini-museum in Guatemala; and Colombian Angeleno artist Gala Porras-Kim, whose work often explores the ways in which culture is presented and interpreted. The show takes place across three venues, including the BCAM galleries at LACMA, the museum's exhibition space at Charles White Elementary School near MacArthur Park (opening Dec. 9), and the 18th Street Arts Center in Santa Monica (through Dec. 15), where a number of the show's artists had residencies. *Through Feb. 19. 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, lacma.org.*

"Día de los Muertos: A Cultural Legacy, Past, Present & Future," at Self Help Graphics & Art. A historic exhibition looks back at the celebrations for Day of the Dead organized by the community arts nonprofit since 1972. This includes photography, historical prints and three specially commissioned altars from Ofelia Esparza, Marcus Kuiland-Nazario and Gerardo Yépiz (otherwise known as Acamonchi). *Through Feb. 24. 1300 E. First St., Boyle Heights, Los Angeles, selfhelpgraphics.com.*

Ken Gonzales-Day, "Surface Tension: Murals, Signs, and Mark-Making in L.A.," at the Skirball Cultural Center. This is a new series from the artist known for conceptual photo projects that have chronicled old hanging trees and reimagined scenes of protest. For this PST: LA/LA exhibition he turns his attention to murals and the ways in which they inhabit L.A.'s urban landscape. *Through Feb. 25. 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Brentwood, skirball.org.*

"Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago," at the Museum of Latin American Art. Curated by Caribbean art scholar Tatiana Flores, this major survey of 21st century Caribbean art gathers a wide range of work — performance, photography, painting — by more than 80 artists with roots in the region. Organized by theme rather than region, the show looks at subjects common to the diverse populations of the Caribbean: colonialism, race and ethnicity, questions of history and identity, sovereignty, migration and sustainability. *Through Feb. 25. On Sept. 23 at 1 p.m., Flores and various artists from the show will host a discussion. 628 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach, molaa.org.*



"No. 25, Circa No Future," 2014, by Nadia Huggins, in the exhibition "Relational Undercurrents" at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach. ((Nadia Huggins))

"Another Promised Land: Anita Brenner's Mexico," at the Skirball Cultural Center. Brenner was an American Jewish writer who was associated with an important cohort of 1920s Mexican modernists and was key to presenting Mexican art to audiences in the United States. The writer was

close with figures such as José Clemente Orozco, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Tina Modotti — and some of their art is featured in the show, along with Brenner's personal effects. *Through Feb. 25. 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Brentwood, Los Angeles, skirball.org.*

Hugo Crosthwaite, “In Memoriam Los Angeles,” at the Los Angeles Methodist Museum of Social Justice. The noted Tijuana painter, known for phantasmagoric black and white murals that seamlessly fuse slices of urban life with the slightly deranged and fantastical, is creating an improvisational mural that is inspired by his observations of people in downtown Los Angeles. The mural will be painted only during the opening hours, during which time the public is invited to drop in and observe. After completing the work, Crosthwaite will then proceed to obliterate the piece by painting it out bit by bit. *Through Feb. 25. An opening reception will take place on Oct. 14. La Plaza United Methodist Church, 115 Paseo de la Plaza, Los Angeles, museumofsocialjustice.org.*

“Circles and Circuits: Chinese Caribbean Art,” at the Chinese American Museum and the California African American Museum. Latin American identity is often identified with the concept of the mestizo, the hybrid indigenous-Spanish culture that has predominated in large parts of Latin America. But the Asian contribution has been key to the development of culture, food and industry. This two-part exhibition looks at the Chinese presence in countries on the Caribbean Sea, including Jamaica, Cuba, Panama and Trinidad and Tobago. *At the Chinese American Museum through March 11. 425 N. Los Angeles St., downtown Los Angeles, camla.org. At CAAM through Feb. 25. 600 State Dr., Exposition Park, Los Angeles, caamuseum.org.*

“Transpacific Borderlands: The Art of Japanese Diaspora in Lima, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Sao Paulo,” at the Japanese American National Museum. This exhibition also examines the intricate nature of Latin American identity — which, in many nations, bears a distinctly Japanese stamp. Expect work by artists of Japanese heritage working throughout the continent, whose art explores issues of homeland, race and cosmopolitanism. *Through Feb. 25. 100 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles, janm.org.*

“iMurales Rebeldes! L.A. Chicana/o Murals Under Siege,” at La Plaza. A historical exhibition looks at a history of Chicano muralism in Southern California through the works that have been censored and destroyed. This includes documentation of important works by iconic SoCal muralists such as Barbara Carrasco, Yreina D. Cervántez, Willie Herrón III (of Asco fame), Roberto Chavez and the collective known as the East Los Streetscapers (David Botello, Wayne Alaniz Healy and George Yepes). As part of the exhibition, Carrasco's massive portable mural, “L.A. History: A Mexican Perspective” will be placed on view at Union Station starting Sept. 29. *Through Feb. 27. 501 N. Main St., downtown Los Angeles, lapca.org.*



A Fountain Valley mural by Sergio O'Cadiz Motezuma from the mid-1970s, from the show "iMurales Rebeldes!" at La Plaza. ((O'Cadiz family))

“Found in Translation: Design in California and Mexico,” at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. A groundbreaking design exhibition looks at the points of connection in design — architectural, fashion, graphic and other — between California and Mexico between 1915 and 1985. It's a thorough examination of how designers in the two locales combined local materials with an interest in pre-Columbian and colonial design, as well as folk and craft traditions, to create singular approaches to Modernism that also overlapped in countless ways. The exhibition includes a diverse range of objects, including dresses, political posters, architectural drawings, furnishings and a show-stopping late 19th century piano carved in a pre-Columbian style. *Wowza! Through April 1. 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, lacma.org.*

“Axé Bahia: The Power of Art in an Afro-Brazilian Metropolis,” at the Fowler Museum. Brazilian art has been well-represented throughout the Pacific Standard Time exhibitions around the region. This show looks specifically at what has been happening artistically in Bahia since the 1940s, the city that represents the heart of Afro-Brazilian culture. This will include works by key Modernists, including Mário Cravo Neto and Rubem Valentim, as well as contemporary figures such as Caetano Dias and Ayrson Heráclito — all represented in more than 100 works of sculpture, painting, photography, video and installation. *Through April 15. UCLA, 308 Charles E. Young Drive North, Westwood, Los Angeles, fowler.ucla.edu.*



"Gorda Flor (Full Bloom)," 2016, by Helemozao in "Axé Bahia" at the Fowler Museum. ((Helemozao))

John Ford, Samuel Fuller, George Stevens, "Filming the Camps: From Hollywood to Nuremberg," at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust. Organized by the Mémorial de la Shoah in Paris, this exhibition looks at the vital work done by three key American filmmakers during World War II. Ford, Fuller and Stevens, in the employ of the U.S. Armed Forces and the Secret Services, filmed key aspects of the war — including the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. The show includes film footage, personal letters, important ephemera and other rare objects and reflects on the way in which playing witness to Nazi atrocities shaped the worldview of these important directors. There could not be a more timely moment for this exhibition. *Through April 30. 100 S. Grove Dr., Fairfax District, Los Angeles, lamoth.org.*

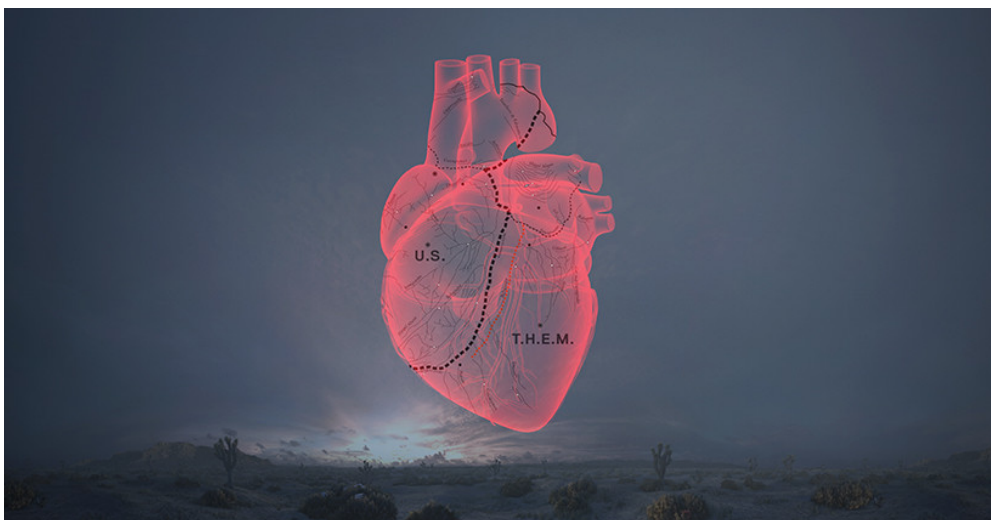
Jose Dávila, "Sense of Place, at West Hollywood Park. Visitors to the park on Saturday can expect to find a six-ton concrete sculpture by the Guadalajara-based artist, that, after its opening, will be dispersed in pieces to sites around Los Angeles, where the blocks will take on a life of their own. Next year, the pieces will be reunited back into their six-ton block, bearing traces of the neighborhoods they have occupied. *Through May 2018. 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., Westwood, nomadicdivision.org.*

"Gary Simmons: Fade to Black," at the California African American Museum. In a lobby installation — one that takes full advantage of its size and scale — Simmons pays tribute to forgotten African American actors and films. On a black background, the L.A. artist features the titles and names of films and individuals important to the early days of Hollywood history, but forgotten over time. *Through July 2018. 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, caamuseum.org.*

"Artists of Color," at the Underground Museum. As part of its ongoing partnership with the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Arlington Heights arts space has put together an exhibition that focuses on color — on its aesthetics, as well as the roles color can play as a symbol, affecting the way it's perceived both socially and politically. The show includes works by an array of artists, including Ellsworth Kelly, Dan Flavin, Lita Albuquerque, EJ Hill, Felix Gonzalez-Torres, Josef Albers, Carmen Herrera and Noah Davis (the late founder of the Underground Museum). It's a striking look at color seen anew. *On long-term view; no closing date set. 3508 W. Washington Blvd., Arlington Heights, theunderground-museum.org.*

"L.A. Communities Through the Eyes of Artists," in the Passageway Gallery at Union Station. For 15 years, L.A.'s principal train station has been showcasing work that reveals the city through the eyes of its artists. This year, it is showing a series of newly commissioned pieces — including Shizu Saldamando's depiction of Little Tokyo, Sam Pace on Leimert Park and Artemio Rodriguez on East L.A. *On long-term view; no closing date set. Union Station, 800 N. Alameda St., downtown Los Angeles, metro.net.*

Alejandro G. Iñárritu, "Carne y Arena," at LACMA. The gripping new virtual reality experience by the Academy Award-winning director places the participant in the shoes of migrants making the arduous trek through the Sonoran desert to reach the United States. This may sound like the trivialization of what can be a fatal journey, but it is not. Iñárritu has considered all of the elements that surround his virtual reality video to humanize the story of immigration on the U.S.-Mexico border. I wrote about my experience of the piece in June. It's not cheap (it's a \$30 special admission, in addition to regular museum fees) but it's worth every penny. *On long-term view; no closing date set. 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Mid-Wilshire, Los Angeles, lacma.org.*



An image from the "Carne y Arena" experience from director Alejandro G. Iñárritu. ((Neil Ketterhouse))

"Pow! Wow!" in Long Beach. The public mural series held in Long Beach every year is back with a series of nearly two dozen new murals in locations around the city, including parking garages and underpasses. *Murals will be on long-term view in locations around Long Beach, powwowlongbeach.com.*

Daniel Hawkins, “Desert Lighthouse.” The Los Angeles-based artist is obsessed with producing works that toy with ideas of grandiosity, failure and gestures that border on the Sisyphean. (One of his goals as an artist is to ultimately build a scale replica of Hoover Dam.) Now Hawkins has installed a 50-foot tall, fully functioning lighthouse in the Mojave Desert in the vicinity of Barstow. The piece even features a light to guide travelers through this rugged landscape. Directions and coordinates can be found on the website. *On long-term view, Hinkley, Calif., desertlighthouse.org.*

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