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5 Essential L.A. Galleries Now



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These homegrown hotspots — all founded locally and key to Los Angeles' art explosion — are highlighting SoCal stars at the Frieze and Felix art fairs this weekend.



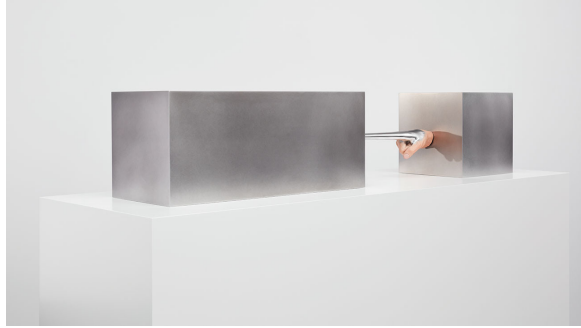
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Kordansky will show work by Kathryn Andrews (above) at Frieze (he also reps Mary Weatherford and *Native Son* director Rashid Johnson). Later this year his gallery will expand to a full city block, via Marciano Art Foundation architect Kulapat Yantrasast.

REGEN PROJECTS



"They take risks," says Doug Aitken (collected by entertainment attorney Alan Hergott) of his gallery, which has a booth at Frieze. Aitken's disruptive public installation *Don't Forget to Breathe* (above) is on view at the corner of Santa Monica and Highland through Feb. 17.

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(above), a Dave Muller mural and more.

CHATEAU SHATTO



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Parker Ito (collected by UTA CEO Jeremy Zimmer and David Hoberman) will have a special project at Felix — two 11-foot-tall paintings, populated with L.A. landmarks, in the Hollywood Roosevelt lobby — and a large painting (above) and video work at Frieze.

SUSANNE VIELMETTER



Courtesy of the Gallery

Vielmetter — who launched in 2000 with a focus on diverse artists like Charles Gaines — fetes her new downtown space Feb. 15 on Santa Fe Avenue. At Frieze, she'll show Kim Dingle and others; at Felix, Esther Pearl Watson (above), Mark Todd and more.