

# HYPERALLERGIC

## Nearly 80 Galleries in LA Organize a City-Wide Weekend Celebration

The weekend events feature birth paintings, a plant sale, Catherine Opie's new monograph, and much more.

Matt Stromberg | July 21, 2021

Next weekend, almost 80 galleries will be participating in the inaugural [Gallery Weekend Los Angeles](#), a five-day series of performances, talks, and exhibitions taking place throughout the city. Meant to celebrate the experience of seeing art in-person, the event is organized by Gallery Association Los Angeles (GALA), a collection of Los Angeles-based galleries that [banded together last year during the early days of the pandemic](#) to provide an online showcase for the city's vibrant art scene. The result was [GalleryPlatform.LA](#), a site that features rotating viewing rooms as well as editorial content, offering a way to connect with collectors, curators, and art lovers at a time when physical art spaces had to remain closed.

Now that restrictions are loosening somewhat, GALA has organized its first in-person event, billed as the first in an annual summer tradition highlighting the breadth of LA's rapidly expanding gallery sphere.



*Bridget Mullen: Birthday*, installation view, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, July 10 – August 28, 2021. Courtesy of the artist and Shulamit Nazarian.

“Gallery Weekend was initiated to reconnect art audiences with galleries and their in-person programming, so we hope there is a sense amongst visitors and locals that the core life of a gallery is in the exhibitions they stage and all the other activity runs off of this,” Olivia Barrett, founding director and owner of Château Shatto told Hyperallergic via email.

Participating galleries include long-time LA institutions like LA Louver and Regen Projects, more recently arrived international powerhouses Hauser & Wirth and Sprüth Magers, alongside a crop of smaller homegrown spaces such as Commonwealth & Council, Wilding Cran, Parker Gallery, Residency, and Band of Vices. A selection of nonprofit and alternative spaces will also take part including 18th Street Arts Center, LAXART, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Human Resources, and the Canary Test.

To better manage LA's sprawling terrain, the organizers have divided the city into four regions: West, North, Central, and East. Although galleries will be open throughout the event, four "community days" will each feature programming and extended hours in a different area, beginning with the Westside on Wednesday, July 28, and moving eastward to conclude on Saturday, July 31.

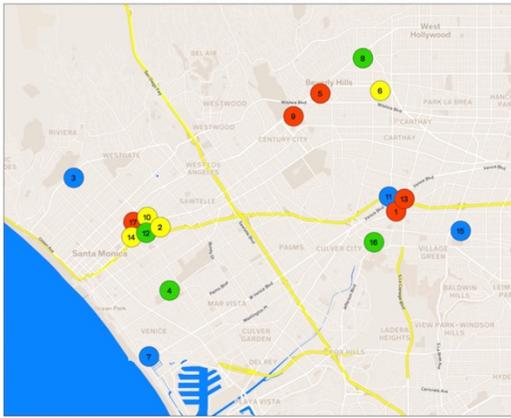


Bridget Mullen, *Birthday Series #9*, 2021, Flashe on linen, 12 x 9 in. (Courtesy of the artist and Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles.)

Exhibition highlights include:

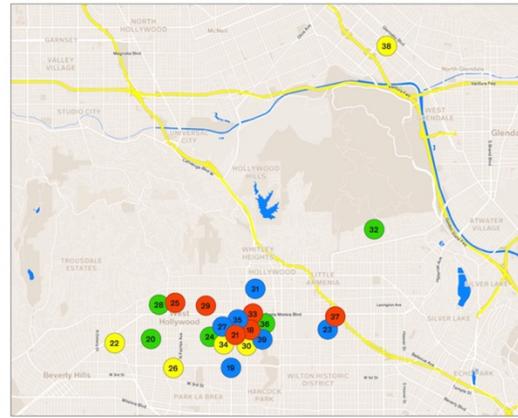
- **Joel Dean's mystical, dream-like canvases** at [Bel Ami](#). Each work features a large painted letter around which the artist creates fantastical scenes, peopled by a bizarre cast of characters recalling Bosch and Ensor.
- Australian painter **Helen Johnson's beguiling post-modern pastiches** at [Château Shatto](#).
- [Nuestrxs Putxs](#) at Chinatown mainstay Human Resources, **a transgressive celebration of the divine feminine** featuring Isabelle Albuquerque, Bárbara Sánchez-Kane, and Frieda Toranzo Jaeger.
- Bridget Mullen's hallucinatory *Birthday* series at [Shulamit Nazarian](#) features **paintings depicting the act of birth** that range from the abstract to the cartoonish, with eyeballs, dogs' wagging tongues, and sensuous bodily shapes emerging from the rorschach-like forms.
- A stunning, materially rich, **career-spanning exhibition of work by Nari Ward** at [Jeffrey Deitch](#), the artist's first in LA.

**WEST WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**



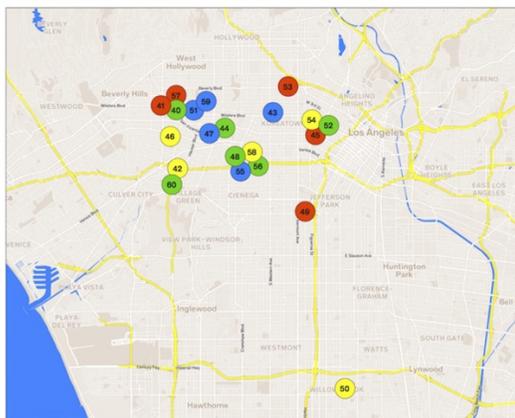
1 ● Blum & Poe	2727 S La Cienega Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90034	12 ● Richard Heller Gallery	2525 Michigan Ave, #B5A Santa Monica, CA 90404
2 ● Craig Krul Gallery	2525 Michigan Ave, #B3 Santa Monica, CA 90404	13 ● Roberts Projects	5801 Washington Blvd Culver City, CA 90232
3 ● Del Vaz Projects	255 18th St Santa Monica, CA 90402	14 ● ROSEGALLERY	2525 Michigan Ave, #B7 Santa Monica, CA 90404
4 ● Five Car Garage	Private residence Santa Monica, CA 90405	15 ● Shoshana Wayne Gallery	4833 W Jefferson Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90016
5 ● Gagosian	458 N Camden Dr Beverly Hills, CA 90210	16 ● The Lapis Press	8063 Figueroa St Culver City, CA 90232
6 ● Kylin Gallery	8634 Wilshire Blvd Beverly Hills, CA, 90211	17 ● William Turner Gallery	2525 Michigan Ave, #E1 Santa Monica, CA 90404
7 ● L.A. Louver	45 N Venice Blvd Venice, CA 90291		
8 ● Louis Stern Fine Arts	9002 Melrose Ave West Hollywood, CA 90069		
9 ● Marc Selwyn Fine Art	9563 S Santa Monica Blvd Beverly Hills, CA 90212		
10 ● Peter Fetterman Gallery	2525 Michigan Ave, #A1 Santa Monica, CA 90404		
11 ● Philip Martin Gallery	2712 S La Cienega Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90034		

**NORTH THURSDAY, JULY 29**



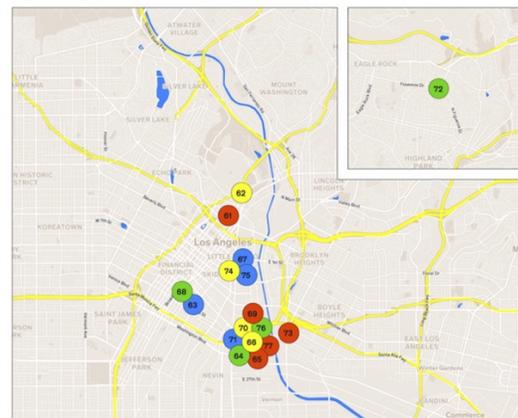
18 ● Diane Rosenstein Gallery	831 N Highland Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038	29 ● Nino Mir Gallery	7327 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90046
19 ● Fahey/Klein Gallery	148 N La Brea Ave Los Angeles, CA 90036	30 ● Nonaka-Hill	720 N Highland Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038
20 ● Gemini G.E.L.	1365 Melrose Ave Los Angeles, CA 90069	31 ● Overduin & Co.	6883 Sunset Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90028
21 ● Jeffrey Deltch	925 N Orange Dr Los Angeles, CA 90038	32 ● Parker Gallery	2441 Gendover Ave Los Angeles, CA 90027
22 ● M+B	612 N Almont Dr Los Angeles, CA 90069	33 ● Regen Projects	6750 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90038
23 ● Make Room Los Angeles	5119 Melrose Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038	34 ● Shulamit Nasarian	616 N La Brea Ave Los Angeles, CA 90036
24 ● Matthew Brown	633 N La Brea Ave, Ste 101 Los Angeles, CA 90038	35 ● Steve Turner	6830 Santa Monica Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90038
25 ● Matthew Marks Gallery	1082 N Orange Grove Ave West Hollywood, CA 90046	36 ● Tanya Bonakdar Gallery	1010 N Highland Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038
26 ● Melikaetan Briggs	313 N Fairfax Ave West Hollywood, CA 90036	37 ● The Lodge	1024 N Western Ave Los Angeles, CA 90029
27 ● Moskowitz Bayse	743 N La Brea Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038	38 ● The Pit	818 Roberts Ave Glendale, CA 91201
28 ● New Image Art	7920 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046	39 ● Various Small Fires	812 N Highland Ave Los Angeles, CA 90038

**CENTRAL FRIDAY, JULY 30**



40 ● 1301PE	6150 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90048	51 ● LACMA x Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives	5905 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90036
41 ● Anat Ebgi	6150 Wilshire Blvd #5 Los Angeles, CA 90048	52 ● LACMA x Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives	2236 W 6th St Los Angeles, CA 90057
42 ● Band of Vices	5351 W Adams Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90018	53 ● Michael Benevento	3712 Beverly Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90004
43 ● Commonwealth and Council	3006 W 7th St, Ste 220 Los Angeles, CA 90005	54 ● O-Town House	672 S Lafayette Park Pl, #44 Los Angeles, CA 90057
44 ● David Kordansky Gallery	5130 W Edgewood Pl Los Angeles, CA 90019	55 ● Ochi Projects	3301 W Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90018
45 ● Hannah Hoffman Gallery	2504 W 7th St, 2nd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90057	56 ● Park View/Paul Soto	2271 W Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90018
46 ● Hunter Shaw Fine Art	593 Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90019	57 ● Praz-Delavallade	6150 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles CA 90048
47 ● Kayne Griffin	1201 S La Brea Ave Los Angeles, CA 90019	58 ● Real Pain	1819 3rd Ave Los Angeles, CA 90019
48 ● Kristina Kite Gallery	3400 W Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90018	59 ● Sprith Magers	5900 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90036
49 ● LACMA x Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives	3911 Figueroa St Los Angeles, CA 90037	60 ● the Landing	5118 W Jefferson Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90016
50 ● LACMA x Snapchat: Monumental Perspectives	905 E El Segundo Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90059		

**EAST SATURDAY, JULY 31**



61 ● Bel Ami	709 N Hill St, Ste 105 Los Angeles, CA 90012	72 ● ODD ARK-LA	7101 N Figueroa St, Unit E Los Angeles, CA 90042
62 ● Charlie James Gallery	969 Chung King Rd Los Angeles, CA 90012	73 ● Parrasch Heijnen	1526 S Boyle Ave Los Angeles, CA 90023
63 ● Chateau Shatto	1206 Maple Ave, Ste 1030 Los Angeles, CA 90021	74 ● Royale Projects	432 S Alameda St Los Angeles, CA 90013
64 ● Cirrus Gallery & Cirrus Editions Ltd.	2011 S Santa Fe Ave Los Angeles, CA 90021	75 ● The Box	809 Traction Ave Los Angeles, CA 90013
65 ● Francis Ghebaly	2245 E Washington Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90021	76 ● Vielmeiter Los Angeles	1700 S Santa Fe Ave, #101 Los Angeles, CA 90021
66 ● GAVLAX	1700 S Santa Fe Ave, Ste 440 Los Angeles, CA 90021	77 ● Wilding Cran Gallery	1700 S Santa Fe Ave, #480 Los Angeles, CA 90021
67 ● Hauser & Wirth	901 E 2nd St Los Angeles, CA 90013		
68 ● In lieu	1206 Maple Ave, Ste 903 Los Angeles, CA 90015		
69 ● Luis De Jesus Los Angeles	1110 Mateo St Los Angeles, CA 90021		
70 ● Nicodim	1700 S Santa Fe Ave, #160 Los Angeles, CA 90021		
71 ● Night Gallery	2276 E 16th St Los Angeles, CA 90021		

Programming highlights include:

- **A conversation between artist Raul Guerrero and Pilar Tompkins Rivas**, chief curator and deputy director of curatorial and collections at the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, on July 30 at 5pm at David Kordansky Gallery. The two will discuss Guerrero's current show at Kordansky, *Fata Morgana*, which explores the histories and fictions embedded in specific locations such as the Black Hills of South Dakota or contemporary Los Angeles, and how these relate to the artist's own Mestizo ancestry.

- Various Small Fires and artist Sean Raspet will throw a **plant sale with coffee and donuts** on July 31 from 10am to 1pm in conjunction with his exhibition featuring new plant varieties mutated via radiation.
- **Curators Mika Yoshitake and Kris Kuramitsu will discuss “Borders and Identity”** at Blum & Poe on July 31 at 2pm in conjunction with Japanese artist [Yukinori Yanagi’s first major US retrospective](#) featuring work that confronts nationalism, war, and incarceration with technical precision and dark humor.
- Regen Projects and Phaidon Press will host a **book release for photographer Catherine Opie** at the artist’s studio on July 31 at 5pm.

LA’s oldest and newest art fairs, the [LA Art show](#) and [Felix](#) respectively, will also be taking place during the same time, offering a critical mass of in-person art events showcasing both Angeleno artists and art spaces. “I hope that Gallery Weekend helps visitors and locals appreciate that Los Angeles is not just an arbitrary backdrop for our programs,” Barrett said. “Our galleries are shaped by the forces that are specific to this city, both the encouraging conditions here in LA and the more challenging ones.”