



Give My Regards to "Art In the Streets"

OTHER SHOWS IN L.A. THAT COMPLEMENT MOCA'S AMAZING EXHIBIT BY TRINA CALDERON



Martha Cooper, "Martha Cooper Remix." Courtesy of the artist and Cornerhouse Gallery, Los Angeles.



Jeffrey Deitch's groundbreaking "Art in the Streets" exhibit finally opened its doors last week at the MOCA Los Angeles, spawning a number of other graffiti-related exhibits. With all of these hot street art shows in town drawing steady crowds, it seems like the city is high on spray paint. So, if you're in L.A. and find yourself wanting more after visiting MOCA LA, here are some of your best bets for street art and graffiti art offshoot shows happening around town.

L.A. Freewalls Project

The L.A. Freewalls Project, helmed by curator and street art advocate Daniel Corbett, consists of 47 murals throughout L.A.'s Art District in Eastern downtown. About a third of the artists showing at "Art in the Streets" have works in this ongoing installation as well, which Corbett says makes his project "pretty representative of the current zeitgeist in street art and graffiti." The goal is to create the largest outdoor museum in the world, and we're well on our way! Artists involved include SHOCK, Shepard Fairey, Marla Cooper, SHOCK, the town, Ben & Jerry, Augustine Kone, Lady Aiko, and others. So far a lot in the neighborhoods just south of MOCA and you're bound to run into one of their amazing pieces.

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Fuzemaker

Kathy Gruen-Burton, director of "Motivation" galleries The New NYC and Dutch Project, curated this fun pop-art-meets-street-art show around an imaging of the human face, which Gruen calls "the universal element of human perception." The show combines several East and West Coast street artists, including "Art in the Streets" participants SHOCK, SHANK, Shepard Fairey, Nancy Scalet and Barry Wolfe along with Takashi Murakami, Jane Weir, Cory Spang, Dave Simons, Gary Webb, and many others. No interpreted faces are shown in an intriguing range of mediums including sculpture, oil-on-canvas, prints, collages, and more. It's a great place to see the first one-a-show-at-a-time "Repeat" project that has been a recurring motif in pop art shows and other pop-culture events. It features an art walk that is free to all.

Repeat? Only! 4999 Washington Blvd., Culver City, WA, 90230 | 4pm - 8pm, daily through May 21 | repeat.org

Martha Cooper Remix

Photographer Martha Cooper is well-known for her amazing documentary photos of the New York graffiti scene as well as her performative books on the topic, Subway Art, co-authored with Henry Chalfant. Cooper's photos include a whole who of important graffiti artists including David LaBeau and Lady Pink, and "Remix" features original interpretations of these classic images in a range of media. Participating "Remix" artists include Anthony Lopez, Aaron Banks, Drew Drees, Jane Brown, Dr. Beavis, Funnelguy, Lee Guzman, Susan, F.Kit, Tenebris, and more.

Cornerhouse Gallery 5788 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA, 90230 | 12 pm - 6 pm, sat. and sun. and by appointment | cornerhousegallery.com

Art, Access & Decay: New York 1975-1985

Consistently from France and Los Angeles, this exhibit showcases a new graffiti art movement that emerged in New York City from 1975-1985. As its name implies, the movement was reacting against academic and the commercialism of the art. So, it's an art world, forcing graffiti artists that would later be appropriated in high-art. Participating artists include John Steiner, Lee Bear, Chalk, Tony Cullen, BAZE, Jane Brown, Julie Hartman, KIDM, Bernard White, Joseph Nechvatal, and others.

Subliminal Projects Gallery | 621 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90028 | 12 pm - 6 pm, Sat. and Sun. through April 30 | subliminalprojects.com

During the Lines

Roger Gastman, co-curator of "Art in the Streets" and co-author of the newly released book "The History of Graffiti," is bringing an epic graffiti show to Contemporary Gallery. New works by noted graffiti artists CHALK, FREEDOM, and RISE will be showcased in yet another contemporary art convergence of West Coast and East Coast street artists. CHALK is a legend of New York subway art and FREEDOM became well known after he painted for 16 years in an abandoned, two-mile stretch of New York subway tunnel also dubbed "Freedom Tunnel." RISE, whose amazing bus installation outside MOCA LA has been a much talked about piece from "Art in the Streets," will unveil his work, "Style for Mass." Featuring works on canvases made from orange banana peels. Also of note is the gallery of "Doing/Nothings/Feeling" a show by UK street artist 2Face on view through April 27th. It features a collection of new works of sculpture, painting, and installations that explore form, power, and motivation.

Contemporary Gallery | 8227 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA, 90230 | 4pm - 8pm, April 20 - May 18 | contemporarygallery.com

Above the Radar

This show at Coexist - a gallery that champions underground graffiti artists and art that's relevant to the West Coast street experience - celebrates the global network of lesser-known street artists and features works in 3D, vinyl, wax, stencils, prints, and more. Artists include Twenty One Nines, BOMBO, DANDY One, E. Nicks, Eas, Homeless, WCK, Max Neume, Sam, Soeet, Superhero, Sergio D, SIKAS, Thomas the Wastinger, and more.

Coexist | 40 Whittier St., Los Angeles, CA, 90013 | 12 pm - 6 pm, Sat. and Sun. through May 1 | coexist.com

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