

TOP TEN 2015: SAN FRANCISCO

By DeWitt Cheng

1) de Young Museum, "J.M.W. Turner: Painting Set Free"

The film biopic of the Romantic Englishman looked glorious, but his paintings, even better.

2) San Jose ICA, "Bruce Conner: Somebody Else's Prints"

Drawings and prints by the legendary SF counterculture hero who sometimes used pseudonyms.

3) Asian Art Museum,

"Looking East: How Japan Inspired Monet, Van Gogh and Other Western Artists"

The *Japonisme* of Impressionist-era France, traced in this collection from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

4) Robert Berman / E6 Gallery,

"Julian Wasser: Duchamp in Pasadena Revisited"

Duchamp's 1963 retrospective in Pasadena, documented in Julian Wasser's elegant photos, accompanied by iconic replicas.

5) St. Mary's College Museum of Art,

"Visual Language: Mystery and Meaning"

Cheryl Calleri, Christel Dillbohner and Thekla Hammond explore history, archaeology and biology in powerful abstractions.

6) Dolby Chadwick Gallery,

"Alex Kanevsky: Unstable Equilibrium"

Virtuosic paintings of nudes and landscapes question traditional figuration while also reasserting it.

7) San Jose ICA, "Jim Campbell: New Work and Collaborations with Jane Rosen"

Campbell's video sculptures, with obscured images projected onto glass and resin, examine perception poetically.

8) International Art Center, "No Room for Form"

Stunning Asian-inspired abstract paintings by David Frazer, Fred Martin, Jeremy Morgan and Ming Ren.

9) Contemporary Jewish Museum,

"NEAT: Experiments in Art and Technology"

Nine artists reprise the 1960s EAT show in exhilarating contemporary (read: digital) terms.

10) Sandra Lee Gallery, "Bryan Ida: Littoral"

Semi-abstract paintings inspired by memories of California's coastal landscape that depict our current "floating world."



"ANDY WARHOL, IRVING BLUM, BILLY AL BENGSTON AND DENNIS HOPPER, AT THE OPENING RECEPTION," AT DUCHAMP RETROSPECTIVE, PASADENA ART MUSEUM, 1963

Julian Wasser, VINTAGE GELATIN SILVER PRINT, 7½" X 9½"

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