

5 COOL ART EXHIBITIONS TO SEE NOW IN L.A.

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Andy Warhol, Irving Blum, Billy Al Bengston and Dennis Hopper at the Opening Reception, Duchamp Retrospective, Pasadena Art Museum, 1963

Julian Wasser/Courtesy of Robert Berman Gallery

Don't say we didn't tell you sooner.

It shows only become legendary once they're gone. Funnily enough, it's usually the ones no one went to that everyone says they saw. There's no excuse to miss these five shows that will soon be disassembled. Don't say we didn't warn you.



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Edmund de Waal, "Ten Thousand Things"

See It Before: Feb. 18

Where: Gagosian Gallery, 456 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills

Why Bother: Because de Waal's porcelain work is quiet but strong. The artist — also a renowned author whose 2010 book *The Hare With the Amber Eyes* traced the roots of his great uncle's Japanese wood and ivory carvings collection — makes porcelain vessels, meticulously arranging them on cabinets and shelves to create scenes that look something like a DNA test.

Hollywood ties: Lady Gaga, Sir Elton John, and Adrien Brody have attended recent openings at Gagosian.

"Après-Ski"

See It Before: Feb. 20

Where: Karma International, 433 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills

Why: Because the *other* Zürich import (Hauser Wirth & Schimmel opens Downtown in March) is diving into its new Beverly Hills digs with a splashy show featuring an international roster of artists including Sylvie Fleury, Judith Bernstein, K8 Hardy, David Hominal, Fabian Marti, Martin Soto Climent, Sergei Tcherepnin, and Urban Zellweger, as well as a piece by photographer Melanie Schiff.

Hollywood ties: With a prime location across the street from Gagosian, Karma International is poised to be a haven for industry collectors.

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Jean Baudrillard, "Ultimate Paradox"

See It Before: Feb. 20

Where: Château Shatto, 406 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles

Why: Because the man whose philosophical thought inspired *The Matrix* was also a pretty sharp photographer. The late theorist, one of the great minds of his generation who shunned the art world during his lifetime, took photos of seemingly banal scenes — a submerged vehicle, a broken statue — that are actually pretty beautiful when time is spent with them.

Hollywood ties: Baudrillard heavily inspired the Wachowskis to write *The Matrix* — his book, *Simulacra & Simulation*, even shows up in the film, and the actors were required to read it before filming — though the philosopher largely was unimpressed by the film.

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Diana Thater, "The Sympathetic Imagination"

See It Before: Feb. 21

Where: LACMA, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles

Why: Because Thater's 25-year career as an L.A. video artist is displayed in gorgeously immersive galleries, her videos of animal and natural life literally coming off the walls. Block off a day so you can spend time with each work.

Hollywood ties: LACMA's board of directors includes several industry heavyweights such as Terry Semel, Bryan Lourd, Viveca Paulin-Ferrell, Brian Grazer and Ryan Seacrest.

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Julian Wasser, "Duchamp in Pasadena"

See It Before: March 5

Where: Robert Berman Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave., Suite B7, Santa Monica

Why: Because for 50 years, Julian Wasser brilliantly has captured L.A. history: soulful shots of Hollywood stars such as Liz Taylor and Steve McQueen; the hauntingly tranquil moments before Bobby Kennedy was assassinated; gritty, on-the-scene snapshots of the Watts Riots; and the glammed-out Sunset Strip in the '70s. But it was his picture of Marcel Duchamp playing chess with author Eve Babitz — in the nude — at Duchamp's retrospective at the then-Pasadena Art Museum

(now Norton Simon Museum) that seems to endure. Wasser is exhibiting that shot and more from the show, including an amazing image of Andy Warhol, L.A. artist Billy Al Bengston and a young Dennis Hopper, alongside recreations of several iconic Duchamp pieces.

Hollywood ties: Wasser's book 2014 book *The Way We Were* (Damiani) features dozens of photos of Hollywood stars and executives, including a rare image of Roman Polanski at his Cielo Drive house after the Manson Family murdered his wife, Sharon Tate; amazing pictures of Steve McQueen; and a wide-angle shot of the scene around John Belushi's death at the Chateau Marmont.

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KYLIE JENNER SCORES SEVEN-FIGURE DEAL WITH PUMA (REPORT)

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Kylie Jenner

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The beauty maven is reportedly signing on as the brand's new face.

For most 18-year-olds, a cosmetics line, a clothing collection, a TV show and a slew of endorsement deals are enough to keep busy. But Kylie Jenner is definitely not your average millionaire teen mogul.

Us Weekly reported Tuesday that the beauty entrepreneur is the new face of Puma, supposedly signing a seven figure contract with the athletic apparel brand. Considering her vast reach on social media — she just broke the 50 million milestone on Instagram — she might just be worth every penny. Jenner's rep declined to comment and Puma did not immediately respond to our request.

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The move wouldn't be a surprising one, considering the starlet's affinity for leggings (or anything skin-tight, really). It would also be in line with the brand's most recent efforts to tap into pop culture, including [Rihanna's](#) appointment as women's creative director and the decision to [show at NYFW](#). Sources for the mag report however that Jenner's involvement won't be as hands-on as Riri's.

If the news is true, the mogul will no doubt be keeping a busy schedule. Between promoting her new [Kylie Cosmetics venture](#) and the new shades of her lip kit — which sold out in minutes ([again](#)) — to launching her joint [apparel and shoes collection](#) with sister Kendall to lending her name to [Top Shop](#), [PacSun](#), Bellami, we can barely keep up. (Thank goodness there's a show for that.)

But in the meantime the real question remains: Will Jenner ditch her [Yeezys](#) for Puma Creepers?

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