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Los Angeles art exhibitions: the best shows to see in July

Read our pick of the best Los Angeles art exhibitions to see this month, from Mickalene Thomas at The Broad to Ed Ruscha at LACMA

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It's the perfect time to dive into Los Angeles art exhibitions. With the recent inaugural edition of [Design Miam.LA](#), in May 2024, many world-renowned artists and patrons are keenly focused on the City of Angels. From institutions such as [The Broad](#) downtown to Gagosian in Beverly Hills, and independent gallery [Southern Guild](#) from Cape Town – now in Melrose Hill – Black artists are being celebrated, from newer voices to award-winning filmmakers and authors, with first-time national exhibits, retrospectives, and group shows. In other summer art news, we uncover a hidden gallery gem in a beachside hotel; a pictorial nod to a famous filmmaker; and continuing exhibits from the Eastside to mid-city, and the Westside focusing on realism and abstract themes – whether covering the vast local culinary landscape of LA or exploring environmental challenges and works that focus on upcycling. And, for those willing to head south to the OC, a major retrospective of a French fashion icon awaits.

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'Winfred Rembert: Hard Times'

Hauser & Wirth, DTLA, Arts District, until 25 August 2024

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Winfred Rembert, *Cotton Pickers with Overseer*, ca. 2006
(Image credit: Sarah Muehlbaue)

At the original complex in the DTLA arts district, late American artist Winfred Rembert (1945 – 2021), dedicated the last 30 years of his life to creating a striking visual memoir, working in his signature medium of carved and painted leather. In the artist's Pulitzer Prize-winning author memoir, *Chasing Me to My Grave*, he describes the cotton fields as his very first memory. *Hard Times* (2003) is one of many paintings that depict the workers bent over endless rows of white tufts that dot the landscape. The sculpturally carved and painted leather here bear painstaking detail – each worker's clothing is adorned with carefully crafted seams, featuring intricate bevelling that adds unexpected depth.

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