

# MAIN EVENT

*The Launch of L.A. Arts Month*

[ONES TO WATCH]



With galleries upon galleries exhibiting at this month's fairs, it's easy to get lost in the fray. When you're there, make sure to bee-line for these local picks:



**Billy Shire Fine Art** reps realist artists of all sorts from Elizabeth McGrath to Glenn Barr and is showing at LA Art Show this month. 5790 Washington Blvd., Culver City. 323.297.0600 or [billyshirefinearts.com](http://billyshirefinearts.com).



From top: Jessica Joslin's *Gustav* at Billy Shire Fine Art; Sandra Yagi's *Hybrid Ostrich Racer* at Bert Green Fine Art; Thomas Houseago's *Untitled (Red Man)* at David Kordansky Gallery.

Downtown Art Walk organizer Bert Green has helped revitalize the Old Bank District with **Bert Green Fine Art**. Green—also participating in LA Art Show—features work from John Baldessari and Ed Ruscha. 102 W. 5th St., downtown. 213.624.6212 or [bgfa.us](http://bgfa.us).

Art LA exhibitor **David Kordansky Gallery** has the likes of Hammer Museum fave Aaron Curry on its roster. 3143 S. La Cienega Blvd., L.A. 323.222.1482 or [davidkordanskygallery.com](http://davidkordanskygallery.com).



From left: *serie limite continuo 5*, Angel Delgado, 2008 and *Sharecropper*, Elizabeth Catlett, 1970, both being exhibited at LA Art Show.

## Downtown Debut

Recognizing Angelenos' penchant for the arts, the L.A. City Council has just declared January Los Angeles Arts Month, giving credence and support to the city's multifarious art fairs. City orgs like the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission and the Department of Cultural Affairs are jumping onboard to support this latest initiative. The largest collection of gallery exhibitors—with nearly 140—is by far the LA Art Show, which is relocating to the Convention Center, garnering more citywide support. "It's unlimited where the show can go now," says director Kim Martindale of the fine arts fair. "Downtown is coming

into its own, and it's exciting to be a part of its development." Also slated for the weekend: an extensive lecture series; arts writer Jori Finkel's back-by-popular-demand, Sunday-morning Art Boot Camp; and VIP walk-throughs of private collections. "LA Art Show is an encyclopedic fair, exhibiting historic to contemporary work. Few fairs in the world have that combination." **January 21–25**. Wed., 6PM–10:30PM; Thurs.–Sat., 11AM–8PM; Sun., 11AM–5PM. Tickets for gala \$225–\$250; for VIP gala preview \$500–\$50,000; for show \$20. *At the West Hall, Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 S. Figueroa St., downtown.* [laartshow.com](http://laartshow.com).