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Must-See Art Guide: San Francisco  
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Chitra Ganesh *Pussy Riot* (2015). Courtesy of Gallery Wendi Norris.

The art season is coming to San Francisco this week with Art Silicon Valley/San Francisco (Art SV/SF) opening today, running through October 11. Considered the equivalent of Art Miami on the West Coast, Art SV/SF has major contemporary and modern artwork from the 20th and 21st century displayed alongside pieces by emerging and new media artists. Once you've visited the fair, go ahead and seize this opportunity to also enjoy some exciting exhibitions currently on view throughout The Golden Gate City.

First stop, Geary Street: named after John W. Geary, the first mayor of San Francisco after California became a state, this street hosts numerous galleries you won't want to miss. The exhibition at Anglim Gilbert Gallery explores nearly all five senses, with paintings, sculptures, and perfume by the artist Bruno Fazzolari, who makes work about his own experience with synesthesia. At another mainstay of Geary Street, Fraenkel Gallery, take in the four-decade

retrospective of the photographs of Nicholas Nixon, best known for his long-running portrait The Brown Sisters. Nixon has an almost uncanny ability to capture the passage of time, so be sure to stop by Fraenkel Gallery and contemplate his mournful work. Take a few more steps down the street to Haines Gallery, hosting recent sculptures and works on paper by Jaume Plensa—the celebrated sculptor's first solo exhibition on the West Coast.

Then, get off Geary Street and head over to Jenkins Johnson Gallery to explore the group exhibition "The Light in Cuban Eyes." Contemporary Cuban photographers such as Alejandro González, Jorge Luis Álvarez Pupo, and Adrián Fernández present an array of work ranging from classic silver gelatin prints, to digitally-created images made after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1992. Take some time to also stop at Anthony Meier Fine Arts to see drawings and sculpture by the Houston-based artist Joseph Havel exploring the eternal question of "How to Draw a Circle."

Even though the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is closed for construction, you can still enjoy its exhibitions elsewhere. As part of the "SFMOMA On the Go" initiative, "Portraits and Other Likenesses" at the Museum of the African Diaspora presents the evolution of portraiture in a variety of genres, with over 50 works by Romare Bearden, Wifredo Lam, Glenn Ligon, Chris Ofili, Kara Walker, and Mickalene Thomas, among others.

If you're going to San Francisco, you can skip flowers in your hair, but you definitely do not want to skip the many art events the Bay Area has to offer!

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