

Art

Your Concise Los Angeles Art Guide for June 2021

Your list of must-see, fun, insightful, and very Los Angeles art events this month.

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Paulina Peavy, "Job #2372" (layers painted throughout her life starting from 1930s to 1980s), 16"x16" (courtesy Beyond Baroque and Laura Whitcomb)

Paulina Peavy: An Etherian Channeler

When: through July 31

Where: Mike Kelley Gallery at Beyond Baroque (681 N. Venice Boulevard, Venice, California)

Paulina Peavy came of age as an artist during the emergence of American abstraction in the 1920s and '30s, studying with Hans Hofmann at Chouinard Art Institute in 1931, and falling in with a group of California post-surrealists associated with Lorser Feitelson. She was also deeply connected to cosmic, spiritual forces, claiming to be able to channel an entity named "Lacamo," whom she said guided her in her painting. Under the influence of Lacamo, Peavy would keep adding layers to paintings over the course of years or decades, with each layer representing a new revelation. Curated by Laura Whitcomb, *Paulina Peavy: An Etherian Channeler* is the first West Coast show of Peavy's work in over 75 years, offering an overdue reconsideration of an important figure at the intersection of abstraction and the occult.