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Best of 2021: Our Top 10 Los Angeles Art Shows

Our favorite LA shows of 2021, brought to you by the writers and editors of Hyperallergic.

Paulina Peavy: An Etherian Channeler at Beyond Baroque

Curated by Laura Whitcomb

June 1–August 14



Paulina Peavy, “Untitled” (circa 1930s to 1980s), oil paint on board, 16 x 16 inches
Courtesy the Paulina Peavy Estate and Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York

Among the best Los Angeles art exhibitions of 2021, *Paulina Peavy: An Etherian Channeler*, curated by Laura Whitcomb, was also the most revelatory. At a seance in 1932, Peavy channeled an extraterrestrial spirit she called Lacamo; from then on, she considered her art a collaboration with the spirit. Paintings, writings, ephemera, and films about Peavy laid out her complex cosmology. Equally compelling, however, are her futuristic geometric abstractions and uncanny spirit portraits. Together, they establish Peavy as both a fascinating figure and a formidable artist. —Natalie Haddad