

## HYPERALLERGIC

### 10 Art Shows to See in LA This Month

Your list of must-see, fun, insightful, and very Los Angeles art events this month, including Carmen Herrera, Robert Russell, Olivia Mole, and more.

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With spring in full swing, these 10 shows focus on new beginnings, old friends, and transformations. The Hammer Museum inaugurates its new gallery, 20 years in the making, with a laser light installation by Rita McBride, while Lisson opens its new LA space with a solo show from the late Cuban-born painter Carmen Herrera. Make me feel mighty real at Honor Fraser chronicles the long history of avatars in queer culture from the underground to digital spaces, and Robert Russell at Anat Ebgi reveals the darkness under a surface of kitsch. At prjctLA, Lauren Bon and the Metabolic Studio share documentation of their latest LA River project, presenting a model for reconnecting the waterway to its natural floodplain, a forward-looking proposal rooted in history.



Installation view of Make Me Feel Mighty Real: Drag/Tech and the Queer Avatar at Honor Fraser Gallery (photo by Jeff McLane, courtesy the gallery)

#### ***Make Me Feel Mighty Real: Drag/Tech and the Queer Avatar***

*Make Me Feel Mighty Real* is an intergenerational group show featuring over 40 artists who explore the role of avatars as a form of queer liberation. The exhibition charts a course from drag to virtual reality, and the dance floor to the chat room, illustrating how technology has helped fulfill dreams of desire, community, and freedom. Featured artists include Andy Warhol, Charles Atlas, Jacolby Satterwhite, Dynasty Handbag, Ryan Trecartin, and many others.