

Summer Arts Roundup

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When you're done cooling off in the pool, maybe you'll want to add a little education and culture to your summer. Here are some art exhibits around Phoenix during the last few summer months.

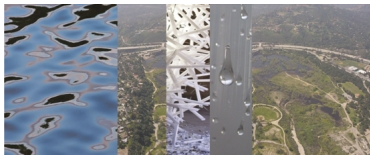


"The Sea"

Phoenix Art Museum

Through July 15

Elements of the sea are brought to life on land in this exhibition. Travel through the ages of odysseys with historical seaside dress and contemporary resort wear featuring a nautical theme that can catapult you into another time and place. www.phxart.org.



"Tributaries"

Shemer Art Center and Museum Association

Through July 31

Four Valley artists drew inspiration from one simple, yet important element: water. Through ranging concepts and varying subject matter, guests are invited to experience the ways water is applied and perceived through contemporary art. www.shemerartcenterandmuseum.org.



"Gustave Baumann: Artisan Printmaker of the Southwest"

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Through July 29

In one summer drive, Baumann became inspired by the exotic landscape and ranging colors found in the Southwest. He later mixed vibrant pigments and carefully crafted blocks to bring those landscapes to life on paper for us to enjoy. www.phxart.org.



"Chomp: A Show About Comestibles"

Herberger Theater Center

Through Aug. 30

Eating and food are not just a constant in our everyday lives, but also in art. This exhibit, which features 21 local artists, whose artwork was selected by members of the arts community, is bound to please even the pickiest eater. www.herbergertheater.org.



"Peter Sarkisian: Video Works, 1996–2008"

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art

Through Sept. 9

Using film as his medium, Sarkisian combines three-dimensional screens and objects with video projections that will confuse and excite the viewer. www.smoca.org.



"Stephen Marc: Passage on the Underground Railroad"

Phoenix Art Museum

Through Sept. 23

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Following the trail of freedom, Marc has created digital documentary montages of the historic route which include present day photographs with historical materials such as letters, photographs and paintings that will retell the story of the road to freedom. www.phxart.org.



“Lightning in a Bottle”

Herberger Theater Center – The University Club, Phoenix

Through Sept. 3

This collection of paintings, photography and sculpture showcases the dark beauty of Arizona’s city streets, printing and carpentry skills and metal-smithing combined with woodwork for an unforgettable exhibit. www.herbergertheater.org.



“Paper!”

Phoenix Art Museum

Through Sept. 23

Paper has been used by everyone and anyone who has ever dabbled in art from your 5-year-old child to the great Pablo Picasso. This exhibit, which will showcase rarely seen paper art, will teach, delight, challenge and surprise the audience. www.phxart.org.