

7 Artists to Watch July 2018

It's the middle of summer and the art world has slowed to a near halt. And yet, we've found a handful of artists with solo shows currently on view that are definitely worth checking out in between your summer vacations and trips to the beach. Here are seven artists keeping it cool in the summer heat.

ZOË BUCKMAN

[Albertz Benda](#), New York

June 21 - July 27



Image via the artist's website

Hovering 43 feet over Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood is a glowing neon outline of a uterus with boxing gloves in place of ovaries. Artist Zoë Buckman installed the public art piece, produced by the Art Production Fund, this past February during Women's History Month—and amidst the dozens of allegations of sexual abuse surfacing against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. The British-born artist is known to contribute to the conversations surrounding the female body, sexuality, and reproduction, and continuing in this

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vein, her solo exhibition on view at Albertz Benda in New York until July 27 “addresses motherhood and the domestic sphere as sources of both oppression and empowerment.” The show “Heavy Rag” presents boxing gloves and punching bag (recurring subjects in the artist’s work) suspended from the ceiling. But in place of traditional materials, the objects are constructed from quilted vintage, red-and-white French tea towels.

Meanwhile, two audio recordings play on loop: one of the artist training at a boxing gym; and the other of the artist giving birth to her child. (By the way, the father of said child is actor David Schwimmer; they were married for seven years.) Cries of both pain and ecstasy surround the objects, which pay homage to Louise Bourgeois—an artist Buckman has “drawn strength and inspiration” from. [Albertz Benda, the three-year-old gallery](#) that represents artists like Brie Ruais, [Ed Moses](#), and Jen Ray, does not represent Buckman—making us wonder whether they’re testing the market with this show, and considering adding her to their roster. Either way, Buckman is certainly an artist to watch—especially amidst endless headlines surrounding the next Supreme Court nominee, and the future of abortion and women’s rights in the US.

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