

VISUAL ARTS



BRYAN LAFAYE AND DAVID HAROUNI

Both Louisiana artists, Lafaye works delve into metaphors of living objects and their history, while famous New Orleanian Harouni's neo-expressionist paintings are chipped multi-layers of paint. Sept. 11-Oct. 16. Laura Rathe Fine Art, 2707 Colquitt St., 713.527.7700, laurarathe.com

'AN ARTISTIC UNION'

Judith Mroski-Gonzalez and hubby George Gonzalez's portraits and still-life paintings are homages to old masters, realism and surrealism. Sept. 1-28. Jung Gallery, 5200 Montrose Blud., 713.524.8096, junghouston.org

DANTE MARION'S RECENT GLASS WORKS The California glass artist unveils his latest vases, goblets and pitchers, which are vibrant takes on classical Greek and Italian glasswork. Sept. 1-Oct. 2. Wade Wilson Art, 4411 Montrose Blvd., 713.521.2977, wadewilsonars.com

M000Y GALLERY'S 35TH ANNY EXHIBIT With works by all 37 gallery artists—including Gael Stack and Randy Twaddle. Sept. 11-Oct. 16. Moody Gallery, 2815 Colquist St., 713.526.9911, moodygallery.com

'ETHEREAL'

Works by Houston-based stainlesssteel sculptor Troy Woods. Sept. 11-Oct. 16. McMurtrey Gallery, 3508 Lake St., 713.523.8238, mcmurtreygallery.com

'NEARER TO THE SUN'

Abstract paintings by the late Houston artist Dorothy Hood. Sept. 11-Oct. 16. New Gallery, 2627 Colquist St., 713.520.7053, newgallery.net

COLTON & FARB GROUP SHOW

Buzzy contemporary painters Yang Jin Long, Lowell Boyers and Alfredo Scaroina debut new works, Sept. 10-20. Colton and Farb Gallery, 2445 North Blvd., 713.869.5151, deborahcoltongallery.com

'NEW MATH'

L.A.-based Glassell alum Emily Joyce, featured in Houston magazine's August issue, shows her latest semi-abstract paintings. Sept. 10-Oct. 23. Inman Gallery, 3901 Main St., 713.526.7800, inmangallery.com

'DRAWING FROM NATURE'

Max Liebermann, Lovis Corinth and Max Slevogt are considered by many as the German impressionism pioneers. This exhibit at the MFA exclusively features the artists' landscapes. Sept. 12-Dec. 5. Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnes St., 713.639.7300, mfah.org

'COME AS YOU ARE: HOUSTON!'

A sexually charged mixed-media show by edgy local artists of all ages. For more, see Look Who's Talking. Sept. 17-18. DiverseWorks, 1117 E. Fuy., 713.223.8346, diverseworks.org

ALDO CHAPARRO

The Peruvian-born installation artist exhibits his futuristic angular pieces. Sept. 18-Oct. 30. Gallery Sonja Roesch, 2309 Caroline St., 659.5424, gallerysonjaroesch.com

'THE COLLECTORS EYE: PEERS'

FotoFest shows photos from Sicardi Gallery curator Fernando Castro's collection. Sept. 23-Oct. 10. FotoFest, 1113 Vine St., 713.223.5522, fotofest.org





From top: Parento's 'Step Forward' and 'Staccate' at Eremillion

Positively Parente!

Italy-born, Houstonbased abstract artist Nicola Parente unveils his latest works in a buzzed-about show, Edge of Awakening, at Gremillion & Co. Fine Art (2501 Sunset Blvd., 713.522.2701) gallery this month. To make each piece-in which white space is sliced with intermittent black lines and splashes of colorthe artist used recycled plastics, charcoals and inks to convey his hopeful message. "The importance of a new day, new beginning and society's own awakening to those moments," says Parente, "Each awakening brings new opportunity to create, and that is what I hoped to have captured." Sept. 10-Oct. 6, opening reception Sept. 10, 6-8pm. -Sarah Rumsey