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The Best Art Shows of 2016

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After this roller coaster ride of an election year, it's hard to know where to begin but art—and what artists have to say—is something we need more than ever right now. Artists are fearless. They see things in ways mere mortals can't, and they speak and reveal a kind of truth, one that can heal as well as burn, that others wouldn't dare to say. Despite all the political noise in 2016, there were some standout shows.

Charmed featuring Cindy Sherman, Laurie Simmons, Rachel Feinstein, Mickalene Thomas, Barbara Kruger, Wangechi Mutu, and Shirin Neshat



Charmed

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LizWorks and Ippolita produced a walking exhibition of miniature sculptures on a charm bracelet by all of the artists above. It's an instant collection, in an edition of 50.