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## Art openings and events this weekend: Kids' art show, Talley Dunn open house and more

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**'CREATIVE KIDS ART SHOW GALA'** It's a clever idea. The Just-Us League has teamed with ArtLoveMagic to devote an evening to creating art right on the spot, then selling it at auction to raise money for ArtLoveMagic. ALM is a nonprofit that conducts cool, free art workshops for kids. The group is billing this event as a collision of Dallas' "edgy underground art community" and the well-to-do. Artists will work in various media to create holiday-themed pieces in exactly 111 minutes. At the end of the evening, 11 artists will come together to create "a larger-than-life portrayal of a snow-frosted landscape of downtown Dallas."

Dec. 19 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. Free. 469-877-1533 (Amber LaFrance). [www.artlovemagic.com](#) (for general information only).

**'I VITELLONI'** 1953's I Vitelloni is the last in the Kimbell's free film series "Italian Realism, Redux." The movie's title refers to a sort of provincial Italian Rat Pack whose members idle away the hours and spend the lire doled out by indulgent families on drink, women and nights at the local pool hall. This "semiautobiographical masterpiece" marks what series organizers call [Federico Fellini's](#) "first definitive plunge into some of his most dominant themes" and a showcase for his "brilliant ability to reveal the deepest emotions and motives of his characters."

Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., [Fort Worth](#). Free. 817-332-8451. [www.kimbellart.org](#).

**'SATURDAY AT THE DMA'** The Dallas Museum of Art routinely opens its doors on the weekend for all sorts of activities. Dec. 17 brings "Sketching in the Galleries for Kids," where families are invited to sketch original works of art from 1 to 3 p.m. "Studio Creations" takes place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. that same day, allowing visitors to "discover the different types of hats worn in traditional African societies in the "African Headwear: Beyond Fashion" exhibition. At 2 p.m., see The NOTcracker, a dance show that sidesteps the typical holiday fare.

Dec. 17, with the day's activities beginning at 1 p.m., at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas. Free with general admission of \$10; discounts available. 214-922-1200. [www.DallasMuseumofArt.org](#).

**TALLEY DUNN OPEN HOUSE** Talley Dunn Gallery, which is home to some of the city's best artists, is conducting an open house, urging visitors to "splurge with art treasures large and small, straight from the artists' studios." Artists whose work will be featured include Vernon Fisher, Erick Swenson, Trenton Doyle Hancock, Joseph Havel, [David Bates](#) and Helen Altman. The gallery also recently announced that its [Philip Pearlstein](#) (paintings) and [Helen Frankenthaler](#) (woodcuts) exhibitions have been extended through Dec. 22.

Open house is Dec. 17 from noon to 6 p.m. at the gallery, 5020 Tracy St., Dallas. Free. 214-521-9898. [www.talleydunn.com](#).

### ONGOING HIGHLIGHTS

**'ACOUSTIC SHADOWS: AN EXPLORATION OF THE SENSE OF SPACE'** Acoustic Shadows is an audiovisual immersive and interactive installation that "depicts Orpheus surrounded by shadows of the underworld consumed by the shadow of his wife, Eurydice," according to the folks at the University of Texas at Dallas, where one of its professors, Frank Dufour, worked on the project with his wife, Kristin Lee Dufour, a creative art director and international consultant for visual communications. It's being presented at the

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Through April at the DMA, 1717 N. Harwood, Dallas. \$10; discounts available. 972-883-4461 (UTD), 214-922-1200 (DMA). [www.utdallas.edu/ah](http://www.utdallas.edu/ah) (search for "Acoustic Shadows" for information on the exhibit's previous display in France).

**'JERRY SKIBELL: THE SUM OF ITS PARTS'** The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, better known as the MAC, has a cool thing going with its secondary, offbeat space, the Mercantile Coffee House. It gives the MAC a downtown presence and a smaller venue to showcase work that might get lost in a bigger hall. The latest sterling example is Skibell's "Sum of Its Parts." The artist incorporates a wide range of materials and collage elements as well as a new process called "solar plate etching." Skibell describes himself as an artist, inventor and real estate developer.

Through Jan. 14 at the Mercantile Coffee House, 1800 Main St., Dallas. Free. 214-953-1212. [www.the-mac.org](http://www.the-mac.org).

**LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE ART EXHIBIT** It's an exhibition honoring a religious icon and is curated by Jose Vargas. The show includes works by an array of artists that "gather to honor La Virgen de Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico," in a variety of media, according to its presenters at the Oak Cliff Cultural Center.

Through Dec. 31 at the Oak Cliff Cultural Center, 223 W. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas. Free. 214-670-3777. [www.dallasculture.org](http://www.dallasculture.org).

**'PAINTINGS BY NORBERT KOX AND CATHEY MILLER'** The Webb Gallery in Waxahachie shows works by Kox, whom curators call "increasingly famous and infamous now for his prophetic images that challenge mainstream religious pieties." Miller, they say, "has a fantastical mind and a super imagination" and "enjoys spending time in her studio painting pictures of people from her home planet of Cathedonia."

Through Feb. 12 at 209 W. Franklin St., Waxahachie. Free. 972-938-8085. [www.webbartgallery.com](http://www.webbartgallery.com).

**'SEASONAL TREASURES'** Dallas' Creative Arts Center is a great place for aspiring local artists to develop their talents. You can see the results of their work in this special holiday show.

Through Dec. 28 at the gallery, Plaza of the Americas, on the lobby concourse above the skating rink, 700 N. Pearl St., Dallas. Free. 972-951-7879. [www.tvaa.org](http://www.tvaa.org).

**10 FOR THE 10TH** Sun to Moon Gallery celebrates its 10th anniversary with a group exhibit by 10 photographers including Alison Shaw, Alan Ross and Dan Burkholder.

Through Jan. 7 at 1515 Levee St., Dallas. Free. 214-745-1199. [www.sunmoon.com](http://www.sunmoon.com).

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