EXHIBITIONISTS

GALLERY SEEN

Winter marks high season for local galleries, a time when high-profile exhibits open. In Scottsdale, dozens of galleries put their best frames forward during Thursday night ArtWalks, while in Phoenix, galleries keep the lights on late for First and Third Fridays. Here's what's showing this season at four of the best contemporary art galleries in town. —*Nora Burba Trulsson*

BENTLEY GALLERY

Gallery Lowdown Gallerist Bentley Calverley was a longtime part of downtown Scottsdale's gallery milieu before making a pioneering move in 2004 to a historic laundry building in the Phoenix Warehouse District, where she has plenty of room to show paintings, sculpture and more by midcareer and museum-collected artists like Michael David, Philip Moulthrop and Jim Waid. **The Exhibit** *Works on Paper,* through Jan. 12 **The Details** A group show of abstract works in charcoal, ink, oil and gouache on paper by gallery artists Fernando Diaz, George Thiewes, Daniel Brice and Travis Rice. *215 E. Grant St., bentleygallery.com*

BONNER DAVID GALLERIES

Gallery Lowdown Artist Christi Bonner Manuelito and Clark David Olson, an art collector and a former senior docent at Phoenix Art Museum, founded the gallery in 2002, building a roster of contemporary artists that appeal to a wide variety of tastes. **The Exhibit** *Michael Carson New Work: Homage #VincentvanGogh,* Dec. 21-Jan. 14 **The Details** Minneapolis-born Michael Carson responds to the gallery's artist-homage theme for the season with a series of languid figurative paintings influenced by fashion, interiors and nightclubs. *7040 E. Main St., Scottsdale, bonnerdavid.com*

GEBERT CONTEMPORARY

Gallery Lowdown Owners Ursula and Stephen Gebert and director William Lykins opened the two-level gallery—formerly Chiaroscuro—in 2001, specializing in abstract contemporary works by Arizona and nationally known artists like Kaori Takamura, Fritz Scholder and Howard Werner. **The Exhibit** *Remember That You Will Forget,* Jan.10-Feb. 2 **The Details** Diane L. Silver of Phoenix was an attorney before finding her passion as a mixed-media artist. She explores the ephemeral memory of nature through installations and paintings. *7160 E. Main St., Scottsdale, gebertartaz.com*

LISA SETTE GALLERY

Gallery Lowdown An arts scene powerhouse, Lisa Sette opened her eponymous gallery in Scottsdale some three decades ago, then decamped to Midtown Phoenix in 2014, showcasing her roster of local and international artists like Luis González Palma, Mark Klett and James Turrell in a sleek Al Beadle-designed building. **The Exhibit:** *Mayme Kratz: Dark is Light,* Jan. 12-Feb. 23 **The Details:** Phoenix-based Kratz, known for her resin panels that frame the natural detritus of the American West, explores her peripatetic wanderings at Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. *210 E. Catalina Drive, lisasettegallery.com*

"SNAFU," gouache, charcoal and pastel on paper, 2015, by Travis Rice at Bentley Gallery

"Fleur de Mal II," by Michael Carson, at Bonner David Galleries

Acrylic on canvas, by Diane L. Silver at Gebert Contemporary

"Vanishing Light," by Mayme Kratz at Lisa Sette Gallery

BUBBLING UP

HELLO, SUNSHINE

It's a touch surprising to learn the much-lauded Laurent Fresnet, chef de cave of **Champagne Henriot**, is only now releasing his first prestige blend. The family-owned house (a rarity in this day and age) has been around since 1808, after all, and Fresnet himself has been in place since 2006. But his new Cuvée Hemera 2005 ($200) proves well worth the wait. "After 12 years of aging in the darkness and silence of our cellars," Fresnet says, "this Champagne bears the finesse and liveliness of spring." He's referring to the balance of the wine's 50-50 blend of chardonnay and pinot noir grapes, all grand cru, and to the name of the bottling: Hemera is the Greek goddess of daylight, whose portrait appears on the walls of the winery's house. Judging from the wine's full-flavored fruit on the palate and its bright golden-yellow appearance, she's in the glass as well. –*David Zivan*

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