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## Datebook: Portraits of peers, collages inspired by the African diaspora and art for feline lovers

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Imagery remixed and paintings that capture an intersection of L.A.'s artistic and music scenes. Plus: cats and more cats! Here are four exhibitions and events to check out in the coming week:

Todd Gray, "Portraits," at Meliksetian Briggs. The Los Angeles artist, who recently received a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship, is known for creating multimedia collages and assemblages that take photographic imagery from his own archive and then presents them in ways that comment on representations of blackness and the African diaspora. The work, part of his "Exquisite Terribleness" series, is centered on images of acquaintances and friends as well landscape and objects. Opens Friday at 6 p.m. and runs through Sept. 15. 313 N. Fairfax Ave., West Hollywood, [meliksetianbriggs.com](http://meliksetianbriggs.com).



"Samita," 2018, by Todd Gray at Meliksetian Briggs. Todd Gray / Meliksetian Briggs