

Seven gallery shows you shouldn't miss during Berlin Art Week!

Between 13 and 18 September the fifth Berlin Art Week takes place. With a program of over hundred events, two art fairs, nine private collections, a thirteen-hour film program, several art prizes, the end of the 9th Berlin Biennale, a large program of project spaces and gallery exhibitions opening around the city, it's hard to know where to start.

In this post we are listing seven gallery shows that we think you should try to see. Some opened last week, others will be opening Friday night 16 September at 18h. Also have a look at our separate post in which we advise which institutional shows and collection presentations to see during the Berlin Art Weekend.

Donna Huanca: *Surrogate Painteen* at Peres Projects



For Donna Huanca, the body and skin are an ongoing focus and she employs them as both pure surface and material. Cosmetics function as a medium of transformation and performers are painted from head to toe. They are choreographed to move glacially, in a meditative state, through her installation environments which consist of paintings, sculptures and ephemera. The performers' presence both activates Huanca's studio works and relate to dissimulation, fusion, and camouflage, furnishing the beginnings of a poetic narrative on the fragmentation of identity. Huanca's *Skin Paintings* combine documentation of past performances, overlaid with thick, gestural painting created in a trance-like state. On their own, they exist as microcosms of performance, incorporating both images of the body and are overpainted with pigment camouflage. Within the context of this larger installation, the *Skin Paintings* create both points of reference and architecture for the performance.

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