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Displaying artifacts from long-forgotten African trading centers as well as 250 artworks originating from places like Mali, Morocco and Nigeria, the Block’s latest exhibition establishes West Africa as an overlooked mecca of medieval culture.

“Eric J. Garcia: The Bald Eagle’s Toupee”
An Air Force veteran, Garcia harnesses political satire in his murals and installations to examine the ways in which weapons and violence permeate communities throughout the country, making some neighborhoods as dangerous as war zones.

“Laura Aguilar: Show and Tell”
Candid nude self-portraits, photos of LGBTQ individuals and striking black-and-white shots of naked bodies in nature are featured in this retrospective of Mexican-American photographer Aguilar, who passed away two years ago.

“Everyone’s Art Gallery: Posters of the London Underground”
The Art Institute showcases a rare collection of colorful posters created between 1919 and 1939 and originally displayed near train and bus stops in London as part of a campaign to encourage residents to use public transportation.
→ Art Institute of Chicago, Grant Park (artic.edu). June 10–Sept 22.