

## Art

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#### THE BEST **EVENTS** THIS SEASON

#### **OPEN NOW**

"Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture and Exchange Across Medieval Saharan Africa"

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.

→ Block Museum of Art, Evanston (block museum.northwestern.edu). Through July 21.

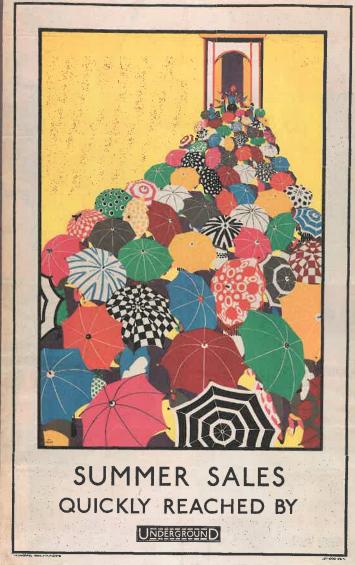
#### "Eric J. Garcia: The Bald Eagle's Toupee"

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. → DePaul Art Museum, Lincoln Park

(museums.depaul.edu). Through Aug 11.

### "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



# "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.

retrospective of Mexican-American photographer Aguilar, who passed away two years ago.

→ National Mexican Museum of Art. Pilsen (nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org). Through Aug 18.

#### "PLAY.GROUND II: Video Game Art from Hong Kong'

Five Hong Kong-based media artists draw inspiration from the urban landscape of the city they call home through a show that builds upon the many ways in which Hong Kong has been depicted in video games.

→ Video Game Art Gallery, Logan Square (videogameartgallery.com). Through Aug 18.