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Editors' Picks: 13 Events for Your Art Calendar This Week, From an Erotic Art Show to a Creative Match-Making Project

Plus, virtual events from the Getty in Los Angeles and the Blanton in Austin.

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10. **“Famakan Magassa: Soifs (<http://www.albertzbenda.com/exhibitions/current/famakan-magassa-soifs/1>)” at Albertz Benda, New York**

Malian artist Famakan Magassa, age 24, makes his U.S. debut with his series “SOIFS,” or “thirsts,” the idea for which came to him while stuck in a traffic jam in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. The paintings aren’t about a literal need for water—although that is a pressing issue in Mali—but about the many less tangible things that society teaches us to value, such as power and freedom. Inspired by the conflicting forces of 21st-century global culture and traditional ways of life in Mali, Magassa sees himself as a modern-day *griot*, a West Africa traveling poet, musician, and storyteller who guards the tradition of oral history.

Location: Albertz Benda, 515 West 26th Street, New York

Price: Free

Time: Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

—Sarah Cascone