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## 10 Art Shows to See in Los Angeles This January

Olga de Amaral's refined material spectrum, Marianne Vitale's tainted minimalism, Marina Stern's architectural precision, and much more.



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Marina Stern, “(Bags)” (2023), oil on board (photo by Paul Salvesson, courtesy the artist’s estate and Bel Ami, Los Angeles)

### Marina Stern: Luminary

**Bel Ami**, 709 North Hill Street, Suite #105 & 103, Chinatown, Los Angeles

**CW American Modernism** (by appointment), Westwood, Los Angeles

Through January 31

This two-venue retrospective provides an overdue reappraisal of the work of the late Italian-born American painter Marina Stern (1928–2017). Throughout her long career, Stern eschewed a singular style, incorporating Pop Art, Op Art, Renaissance *trompe l’oeil*, and architectural precision into her singular vision. Bel Ami will feature her surrealist works from the 1960s, characterized by her signature checkerboard patterns, as well as later still lifes, while her rural landscapes and city scenes will be on view at CW American Modernism.