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Art for fall 2023: Top 10 exhibitions on climate change, Indigenous futurism and William Estrada in a crowded few months

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Installation view of "William Estrada: Multiples & Multitudes" at Hyde Park Art Center. (Tom VanEynde/HANDOUT)



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I know it's going to be a good fall for art viewing when this list is painfully hard to narrow down.

How can I not have included Dala Nasser at the Renaissance Society or Deb Sokolow at Western Exhibitions? What about Rebecca Morris at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Rathin Barman at the Arts Club, or Nnaemeka Ekwelum, with collaborative projects on view at the South Side Community Art Center? The Terrain Biennial turns 10 out in Oak Park, Sapphire & Crystals celebrates its 36th anniversary at the Logan Center and the National Museum of Mexican Art marks the centennial birthday of the late, great Carlos Cortéz.

It was no easy task to choose just the following highlights so, yes, that was me sneaking in a few extras above:

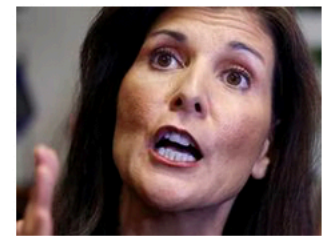
"Susan Giles, Space Has Become This Material Thing": In this Chicago artist's past sculptures, architectural monuments have gone twisty, sideways and all jumbled together, as if they were malleable stuff. Now she's studying hand gestures, turning the manual language of her subjects — young and old people who recently moved to new homes — into drawings and sculptures, giving permanent physical shape to ephemeral speech. *Through Oct. 27 at Columbia College Chicago's Glass Curtain Gallery, 1104 S. Wabash Ave; more information at 312-369-6643 and students.colum.edu*

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