



New exhibits by artists Fay Ray and Sessa Englund draw inspiration from the past

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A couple of LA-based artists are exhibiting work in two new shows that both look to the past for inspiration. Fay Ray's "Lacuna" exhibit at [Shulamit Nazarian](#) in Hollywood runs through June 26. Sessa Englund's "Fool's Errand" exhibit at [Hunter Shaw Fine Art](#) in Mid-City runs through July 4.

Ray has built large aluminum metal mobiles with some hanging freely in the gallery and others hung against the wall. She mixes in objects such as abalone, driftwood, seashells, and corn. Each item relates to a specific childhood memory or aspect of her family history. For example, there is a large piece that uses abalone shells, and Ray remembers how her father used to make abalone in the backyard, and she would eat it with lime and salt.



Lacuna, installation view, Shulamit Nazarian, Los Angeles, May 16 – June 26, 2021.
Courtesy of the artist and Shulamit Nazarian. Photo by Morgan Waltz.

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