



## Best Upcoming Art Exhibits In OC This Fall

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Art can mean anything from a painting by a master artist to an elegant gown to a beautifully animated film. The late Steve Jobs even saw artistic beauty in the clean, intuitive designs for Apple's products. In Orange County this fall you can see exhibits showcasing works that push the boundaries of creativity and technology. Other exhibits honor California's past and the desire to preserve its beauty for the future. You are bound to find something that captures your artistic fancy in the OC this fall.



(credit: Orange County Museum of Art)

## **Fashionistas Fight Back!**

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art (OCCCA)

117 N. Sycamore St.

Santa Ana, CA 92701

(714) 667-1517

[www.occca.org](http://www.occca.org)

Oct. 3 – Nov. 14, 2015

Issuing an open call for submissions, the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art will be looking at fashion as a weapon this fall. The OCCCA is asking designers to unleash their creativity through garments and sketches. This exhibit also is open to those who can express their view of the fashion world in photos, on an artist's canvas and through sculpture. After the doors open on this rather fashionable exhibit, you will see things that would make Tim Gunn of "Project Runway" fame quite proud.



(credit: istockphoto)

## **Objects Of Wonder**

Beall Center for Art + Technology

Claire Trevor School of the Arts

University of California, Irvine

712 Arts Plaza

Irvine, CA 92697

(949) 824-6206

[www.beallcenter.uci.edu](http://www.beallcenter.uci.edu)

Oct. 3, 2015-Jan. 23, 2016

Funded by the Beall Family Foundation, the Beall Center encourages new relationships between art and technology. Objects of Wonder, an intriguing fall exhibit on the UC Irvine campus, will showcase works by international artists that incorporate scientific principles. For those who enjoy a visit to the company break room, look for the perpetual coffee cup vortex by Antony Hall. Artist Laura Splan has even created a doily modeled after bacteria. The Objects of Wonder exhibit is open to the public and admission is free.



(Credit: Jen N./Yelp)

## **The Red That Colored the World**

Bowers Museum  
2002 N. Main Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92706  
(714) 567-3600

[www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org)

Oct. 31, 2015 – March 20, 2016

Representing both love and rage, red truly is a complex color. Nathaniel Hawthorne even worked it into the title and plot of “The Scarlet Letter,” the story of a young woman charged with adultery. This fall, the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana will unveil “The Red That Colored the World,” an exhibition that explores the color and its artistic influence. The museum will display 100 items such as sculptures, clothing and other items showcasing this brilliant hue. And you can learn more about the bugs that have provided the vital ingredients for red dye as well.

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(credit: Laguna Art Museum)

### **The Canyon Project: Artivism**

Laguna Art Museum

307 Cliff Drive

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

(949) 494-8971

[www.lagunaartmuseum.org](http://www.lagunaartmuseum.org)

Oct. 18, 2015-Jan. 17, 2016

In 1980, photographers Jerry Burchfield and Mark Chamberlain used their cameras to preserve the beauty of the Laguna Canyon on film. Their efforts evolved into the Laguna Canyon Project, which seeks to educate and inspire people to keep that beauty from being lost. The Canyon Project: Artivism, an upcoming exhibit at the Laguna Art Museum, features the work of Burchfield and Chamberlain and other items related to the project. This is a chance to appreciate the artistry of the photographers and perhaps aid in their long-term efforts.



(credit: Mission San Juan Capistrano)

### **Mission Treasures**

Mission San Juan Capistrano  
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San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
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California's missions represent a big part of the state's history. Mission Treasures, a now-permanent exhibit in San Juan Capistrano, unveils artifacts from that mission's history. Items to see include a 20th-century chalice and an unsigned oil painting of St. John of Capistrano. The displays even include Charles Percy Austin's oil painting of movie star Mary Pickford renewing her wedding vows at the Serra Chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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