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ing out the concert posters at Evolve Gallery. / Lynn Trimble

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May in Phoenix

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Start early, stay late. That's the best way to make the most of February First Friday. More than a dozen new art exhibits are opening, and there's everything from film to sound art in between.

Here's our handy guide to help you plan your night. It's organized by area to help you see more in less time and includes the exhibits that made our 'must-see' list.



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- [Tim and Eric Do a Great Job of Making the Real Surreal](#)

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Must-See Shows

‘Border Observations’

Central Gallery

1221 North Central Avenue

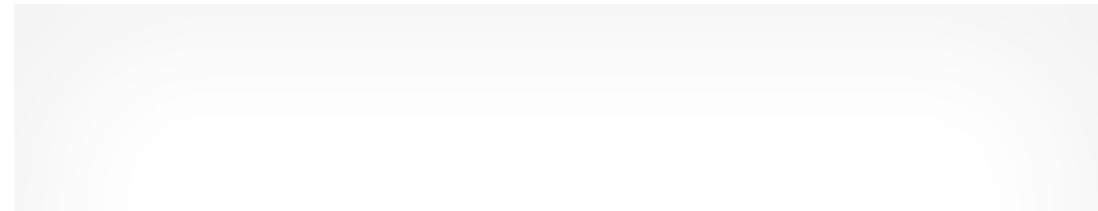
Artist Carlos Encinas uses pop-culture imagery to explore immigration in this solo exhibition at [Burton Barr Central Library](#), where First Friday hours are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. You can also check out live music performed by students at Arizona School for the Arts.

‘Gig Poster Show’

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You'll find gallery walls inside **Evolve Gallery** filled with original, hand-pulled, screen-printed concert posters for more than a dozen acts, including Murder by Death and Mom Jeans. Hamster Labs will be doing live screen printing during First Friday hours, which are 6 to 9 p.m.



Look for Megan Johnson's work at ASU Step Gallery. / **ASU**

Warehouse District

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ASU Step Gallery

605 East Grant Street

Explore large-scale works by MFA candidate Megan Johnson, whose landscape paintings put a contemporary twist on historic 'nocturne' art while addressing the vast expanse of the desert environment. First Friday hours at [ASU Step Gallery](#) are 6 to 9 p.m.

'Temporal Nature'

ASU Northlight Gallery

605 East Grant Street

Matthew Jessie is showing large-format, black-and-white photographs from his ongoing series "Temporal Nature," part of his MFA thesis exhibition at [ASU Northlight Gallery](#). First Friday hours are 6 to 10 p.m.



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Marlys Kubicek is opening a new Five15 Arts exhibit. / **Five15 Arts**

Grand Avenue

'Garden Party'

Five15 Arts at Chartreuse
1301 North Grand Avenue

See works by Marlys Kubicek, a printmaker who takes inspiration from the endless variations in her own everyday experiences in her garden. First Friday hours at **Five15 Arts at Chartreuse** are 6 to 10 p.m.

'Elations'

{9} The Gallery
1229 Grand Avenue

{9} The Gallery is showing new works by Just Idle Hands, an artist whose paintings and sculpture reflect his background in auto-body painting. First Friday hours are 6 to 10 p.m.

'The Fierce Female'

Eleventh Monk3y
1022 Grand Avenue

Head to Eleventh Monk3y to see works by emerging and established female artists from 7 to 10 p.m. The evening also includes DJs and a dance party in the outdoor courtyard until midnight.

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Sisao Gallery**1501 Grand Avenue**

Sisao Gallery presents the first solo photography exhibition for Lisa Marcelle Nowitz. It features works she created during travels throughout the U.S. and Canada from 2016 to 2020. First Friday hours are 6 to 10 p.m.

'Zucca Who?'**Abe Zucca Gallery****1301 Grand Avenue**

Look for new paintings “dealing with everything from emptiness to the superficialities of success” at **Abe Zucca Gallery**, where First Friday hours are 6 to 11 p.m.



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Explore work by Timothea Haider in the Xico shipping containers. / **Lynn Trimble**

Roosevelt Row

Xico Exhibits

Pop-up Shipping Container Galleries

Second and Roosevelt Streets

You'll find solo exhibitions featuring works by Emily Petit and Timothea Haider inside the pop-up shipping container galleries on Roosevelt Street near Second Street. Another container features a group exhibit. First Friday hours are 6 to 10 p.m.

'Out of His Heart Will Flow Rivers'

Olney Gallery

100 West Roosevelt Street

Olney Gallery at Trinity Cathedral is showing landscape oil paintings featuring scenes of Arizona waterways from rivers to urban canals by Tony Winters. First Friday hours are 6 to 9 p.m.



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Look for Ellen Nemetz's artwork in a group show at First Studio. / **First Studio**

Central Corridor

Arizona Artists Guild

First Studio

631 North First Avenue

Check out artwork in several media created by members for the Arizona Artists Guild at **First Studio**, where First Friday hours are 6 to 10 p.m.

'Break the Stigma'

New City Studio

1300 North Central Avenue

New City Studio is presenting a group exhibition designed to "change the narrative around mental health." The evening also includes poetry and spoken word. First Friday hours are 7 to 10 p.m.



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Checking out artwork by Lucretia Torva. / **Lynn Trimble**

Other Art Shows

‘See What We Say’

Shaneland Arts

301 East Camelback Road

Explore works by more than a dozen artists with vastly different styles during this group show at **Shaneland Arts**, where the First Friday lineup includes live music and body painting. Participating artists include Tosca Kerr, Kyllan Maney, Lucretia Torva, Joan Thompson, and Dyane Welt. First Friday hours are 6 to 9 p.m.

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4225 NORTH SEVENTH AVENUE

Head to Exposed Gallery to explore pieces by David Allan Paul, an artist who creates abstract and representational mixed media works. First Friday hours at [Exposed Studio & Gallery](#) are 5 to 9 p.m.

'Gods, Monsters & Artists'**Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center****147 East Adams Street**

Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center is showing works by Elizabeth Toledo and Roman Reyes, who take inspiration from Aztec and Mayan gods and goddesses. First Friday hours at the [Arizona Latino Arts and Cultural Center](#) are 6 to 10 p.m.



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RPM Orchestra
Langmade Project Space
1345 West McKinley

Expect experimental film, live music, stilt-walking, theater, and audience participation during the 10th anniversary celebration for the proto-Industrial Americana group **RPM Orchestra**. It's happening from 10:15 to 11 p.m. at **Langmade Project Space**. While you're there, check out art by Eric Kasper.

Black History Month
Phoenix Art Museum
1625 North Central Avenue

The lineup at **Phoenix Art Museum** includes film, poetry, storytelling, and music by black creatives. African-Americans of all ages can sign up at 7 p.m. for the chance to share a five-minute story on the theme of “modern love” during open mic time. Museum admission is by voluntary donation from 6 to 10 p.m. on First Friday.

'Libros'
Hosh Gallery
1738 East McDowell Road

Hosh Gallery inside Palabras Bilingual Bookstore is showing works by Diana Calderon, who uses printmaking, bookmaking,

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First Friday

Heard Museum

2301 North Central Avenue

First Friday at the **Heard Museum** includes free museum admission starting at 6 p.m. Also look for DJ tunes in the Crossroads Gallery, and a 7 p.m. performance by the country-rock band Stateline at 7 p.m.

Pop-Up Shop

FOUND:RE Phoenix

1100 North Central Avenue

FOUND:RE Phoenix's Pop-Up Shop features more than 30 local creatives sharing art, jewelry, fashion, and more. First Friday hours from 6 to 10 p.m. also include aural photographs interpreted by Cosmic Hour.

First Friday Live

Herberger Theater Center

222 East Monroe Street

Herberger Theater Center is bringing a **Great Gatsby** vibe with a night of smooth jazz, lindy hop dance lessons, and selfie station props. The evening also includes a costume contest. First Friday hours are 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Studio

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Explore glass art at [Phoenix Glass Center](#), where you can also check out glassblowing demonstrations and classes. First Friday hours are 5 to 10 p.m.



Checking out Jenny Day's work at Mesa Contemporary Art Museum. / [Lynn Trimble](#)

Coming Up

Spring Opening Celebration

Mesa Museum of Contemporary Art

One East Main Street, Mesa

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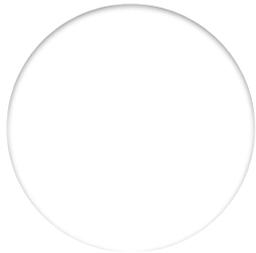
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during the opening reception
at Mesa Contemporary Arts
Museum, which runs from 6 to
10 p.m. on Friday, February 14.

Spring Opening Celebration
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
7374 East Second Street, Scottsdale

Explore two new exhibitions during the free opening reception
at **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art**, which takes place
from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 14.



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