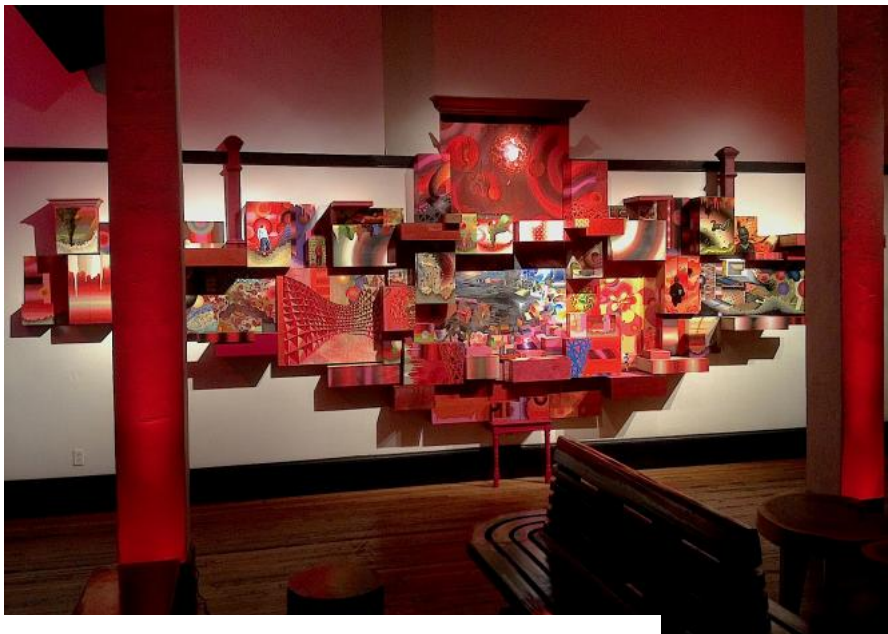


# San Francisco's 10 Best Art Galleries: California's Art City

A vibrant and diverse city, San Francisco, [California](#), boasts an equally eclectic contemporary art scene. Galleries filled with paintings, sculptures and photography by local, national and international artists will keep visitors content for days. We've put together an [updated](#) list of some of the excellent places to experience contemporary art in San Francisco.



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## 111 Minna Gallery

Established in 1993 by Eirning Jung, [111 Minna Gallery](#) specialises in a variety of art forms from edgy visual arts and live DJs to film screenings. Located downtown in the SoMa area, the 4,000+ square foot urban industrial space - complete with exposed pipes and original hardwood floors - can easily be changed to best highlight each monthly exhibition or evening event. The current exhibition, Balance, showcases the works of muralists Jet Martinez and Chor Boogie, who both create energetic, colourful artworks. Past shows have featured artists such as modern surrealist painter [Mike Davis](#), whose works display early Renaissance Netherland influences, and photographer Kelly Nicolaisen's vibrant prints.

[111 Minna Gallery](#), 111 Minna St., San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 974 1719

## Andrea Schwartz Gallery

Founded in 1982 by Andrea Schwartz, the eponymous [Andrea Schwartz Gallery](#) focuses on

contemporary paintings by mid-career artists. In 2012, the gallery moved to the SoMa area, taking over a 2,400 square foot space complete with 20-foot ceilings designed to showcase art. Hosting several exhibitions each year, the gallery also actively participates in art fairs throughout the country in order for artists to reach a wider audience. Journey, which features the travel paintings of Suhas Bhujbal, is the current exhibition throughout 2014. Andrew Burgess, whose paintings depict cityscapes and urban scenes, mixed media artist Barbara Kronlins and [Donald Bradford](#) are just a few of the other artists that can be found at this gallery.

[Andrea Schwartz Gallery](#), 545 4th St. San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 295 2900

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## ArtHaus

Consistently voted the 'Best Art Gallery' by readers of the Bay Area A List, [ArtHaus](#) is a SoMa gallery specialising in museum-quality artworks. Founded in 1996 by James Bacchi and Annette Schutz, this 1750 square foot art space features two rooms in which an eclectic array of different medias and styles of art from New York are displayed. The main gallery features rotating exhibitions of both gallery and guest artists, including sculptor Riis Burwell and mixed media artist Andrea Arroyo, while the project gallery is currently displaying works by [Serena Bocchino](#). In addition to the two galleries, they also have an 'ArtHaus Out & About' program that exhibits artworks at the [San Francisco Design Center](#).

[ArtHaus, 411 Brannan St, San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 977 0223](#)

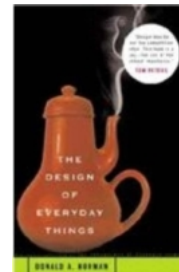
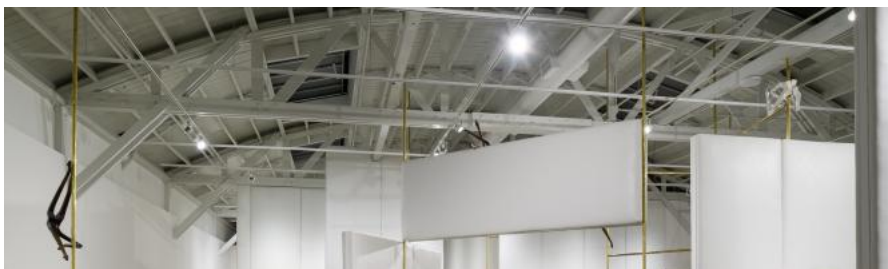


Courtesy of Catharine Clark Gallery

## Catharine Clark Gallery

Founded in 1991, the [Catharine Clark Gallery](#) is an acclaimed space that specialises in a variety of content driven contemporary art pieces. Located in the Potrero Hill neighbourhood, in what used to be a door factory, this gallery is the first commercial art space within San Francisco to have a designated media room. Every six weeks, a new exhibition takes place and features artists such as ceramicist Wanxin Zhang; Dutch artist [Ellen Kooi](#) and painter Timothy Cummings.

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### CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art

Established in 1998 at the California College of the Arts, [CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Art](#) is a venue for exhibitions as well as a place for research. Exhibitions focus on one artist at a time, with the current exhibition showcasing the work of Austrian artist Markus Schinwald. A joint venture with SFMOMA, this site-specific installation features sculptures made from Chippendale-style table legs that wrap around poles as well as modified 19th-century paintings. Wattis also has one artist in residence, currently Nairy Baghramian, plus one artist – video and performance artist Joan Jonas – that is the focus of a research project.

[CCA Wattis Institute, 360 Kansas St, San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 355 9670](#)



*Courtesy Fraenkel Gallery, San Francisco*

### Fraenkel Gallery

Established in 1979, [Fraenkel Gallery](#) has hosted numerous – almost 300 – exhibitions exploring photography and how it relates to other art forms, including painting, drawing and sculpture. Compared to other arts, photography has a short history, which has allowed the gallery to showcase both early masters of photography and contemporary talent. Artists highlighted over the years represent a diverse group and include Carleton Watkins, [Diane Arbus](#), Robert Adams, and Hiroshi Sugimoto to name but a few. The upcoming exhibition, The Plot Thickens, is an exhibition celebrating the gallery's 35th anniversary.

[Fraenkel Gallery, 49 Geary St, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 981 2661](#)

### Gallery 444

Founded by Bettie Mitchell in 1980, [Gallery 444](#) is a family-owned and operated art gallery located in Union Square. Selling only original works, the gallery features a diverse group of talent – both national and international artists. Spectators will find early and recent works by Bolivian artist Graciela Rodo Boulanger, whose colourful works often depict children, as well as the dog sculptures of Marty Goldstein and surrealist paintings by Rafal Olbinski. Some artists, including Australian surrealist William Johns and Pop artist DAX, are exclusively

represented by Gallery 444.

*Gallery 444, 444 Post St., San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 434 4477*



*Courtesy of The McLoughlin Gallery*

### The McLoughlin Gallery

Striving to display art that will make spectators think, [The McLoughlin Gallery](#) is a welcoming art space dedicated to representing established mid-career artists and emerging talent. Seeking out colourful artworks that express emotion, a talented group of artists have exhibited their works in this space, including painter Kristina Quinones, Cristobal Valecillos and mixed media artist Kirstine Roepstorff. This gallery also sets out to help the community by donating a portion of their proceeds to charities, including Glide and Stanford Breast Cancer Research.

*[The McLoughlin Gallery, 49 Geary St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 986 4799](#)*

### Shooting Gallery

Founded in 2003 by Justin Giarla, [Shooting Gallery](#) is an art space focusing on newly established artists. Located in the historic Tenderloin district within a historic building, spectators will find an eclectic array of pop surrealism, figurative realism and colour abstraction by national and international artists. Some of the artists represented include KEFE (Kelly Tunstall and Ferris Plock) and Lauren Napolitano, who often uses found objects in her work. One of the largest galleries on the west coast, Shooting Gallery shares its 5,000 square foot space with its sister gallery White Walls.

*[Shooting Gallery, 886 Geary St., San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 913 1500](#)*

### Studio Gallery

Established in 2003 by Rab Terry and Jennifer Farris, [Studio Gallery](#) is a great venue created specifically to showcase art by local artists. Highlighting fine arts, crafts and home furnishings, visitors will find a variety of media at any given time. This art space also hosts several exhibitions each year, which consist of a solo artist or group. Past solo exhibitions include artists Lindsey Kustus, whose paintings are inspired by San Francisco and Dallas, and the works of Michael Chamberlain, who captures moments of his day-to-day life in his paintings.

*[Studio Gallery, 1641 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, CA, USA, +1 415 931 3130](#)*

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