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Galleries install new exhibits as LA slowly reopens

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Rachel Hayes, Land Lines at Lowell Ryan Projects

Although many brick-and-mortar businesses have not received a clear go-ahead to reopen in Los Angeles, some galleries are opting to get back to business. They've installed new exhibitions and are allowing the public to view by appointment only. There will be no opening public receptions.

Today, David Kordansky is opening a solo exhibition by the well-known sculptor Simone Leigh.

Lowell Ryan Projects in West Adams recently opened a new exhibition by Tulsa-based artist Rachel Hayes. The exhibition consists of hanging quilted

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textiles. The gallery is run by a husband and wife team and has no additional staff, which helped with a safe reopening.

Co-owner Virginia Martinsen explained to me over email, “Ultimately the architecture of our space, how we function as a small business, and the nature of Rachel Hayes’ work (that did not require a team of art handlers to install) has allowed us to move forward in this new direction, adapting to the present circumstances and continuing to support our artists during these difficult times.”

Steve Turner in Hollywood opened three new solo shows last week, alongside an online group exhibition. Turner told me in an email that attendance (and sales) have been slowly trickling in, “We have welcomed mask-wearing visitors who made advance appointments. On the 16th, we welcomed three visitors: two artists and one collector. The collector bought a work and the artists expressed gratitude at being able to see works in person.”

[Simone Leigh at David Kordansky](#) is on view May 26 – July 11

[Rachel Hayes at Lowell Ryan](#) is on view May 16 – June 27

[Jingze Du, Kiyoshi Kaneshiro, and Siro Cugusi](#) at Steve Turner are on view
May 16 – June 13