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5 Must-See Spring Art Exhibitions in San Francisco

With the opening of SFMOMA, the city's art world is buzzing with shows dedicated to Ansel Adams, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Ed Ruscha, and more

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Mobile III, 1990, Roy Lichtenstein. Photo: Robert McKeever/Estate of Roy Lichtenstein/Courtesy Gagosian Gallery.

Those who don't think of San Francisco as a contemporary art town, might want to reconsider. While the city has long had a respectable contingent of first-rate dealers and a small but dynamic community of artists, the opening of SFMOMA's massively expanded building this spring is changing the game. The expansion not only enables the museum to show off far more of its stellar holdings (like the epic collection of Gap founders Donald and Doris Fisher), but it has lured some big names to the South of Market neighborhood. Gagosian Gallery expands its international empire with its first San Francisco outpost, right across from the museum, while longtime San Francisco dealer John Berggruen follows suit this fall. Meanwhile, dealers across the city's DoReiMi arts district, as it's now known, are gearing up for a heavy-hitting spring season with some not-to-be-missed shows.

“Plane.Site” at Gagosian Gallery

The mega-dealer's newest addition—number 16, but who's counting?—opens right across from the expanded SFMOMA with a major multigenerational show exploring the connections between two and three dimensions. On view are drawings and sculptures by some of the best-known makers in modern history, including Richard Diebenkorn, Helen Frankenthaler, Alberto Giacometti, Jasper Johns, Pablo Picasso, Richard Serra, and Andy Warhol. *May 18 to August 27; gagosian.com*