These Are the Art Shows and Events to See This Season

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Amy Sherald, “An Ocean Away,” 2020, from the survey “Black American Portraits,” coming in November to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Credit...Amy Sherald; via Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Hauser & Wirth

After the pandemic brought museum and gallery shows to a dead stop, last year’s racial justice protests lent new urgency to demands that institutions become more transparent, more representative and more diverse. While there’s certainly an uptick of shows featuring women and artists of color in this fall preview, there are also many, delayed by Covid-19, that were planned several years ago. For the moment, at least, it feels as if we are picking up just where we left off — with solo blockbusters (like Jasper Johns’s, stretching over two cities), art fairs (nearly all in person, again) and ancient treasures (rare ceramics, from Thailand to Mesopotamia). Check museums and fairs for health-related updates: Museums may require proof of vaccination, and fairs may yet migrate back online.

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DIANE SEVERIN NGUYEN: IF REVOLUTION IS A SICKNESS Nguyen’s first solo institutional exhibition features a newly commissioned video that follows a Vietnamese child into Poland’s K-pop-inspired dance subculture. (Sept. 16-Dec. 13; SculptureCenter, sculpture-center.org)