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Best of 2020: Our Top 20 Los Angeles Art Shows

Our favorite Los Angeles shows of 2019, brought to you by the writers and editors of Hyperallergic.

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This year we've grown our Los Angeles list to 20 picks — there's just so much to highlight! As always, it's hard to distill our favorite shows in a city so dense with excellent art events. Below are some of the exhibitions that resonated with our writers as the months have gone by, from group shows illuminating California art history to thoughtful retrospectives of local and international artists.

Honorable Mentions:

Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power 1963–1983 at the Broad



Installation view of *Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power* at the Broad (photo by Pablo Enriquez, courtesy of the Broad)

March 23–September 1

Curated by Sarah Loyer

Another favorite of this year, *Soul of a Nation* at the Broad, topped last year's NYC list, so we decided to give the spotlight to some of the other fantastic exhibitions that passed through Los Angeles in 2019. But we

would be remiss to not mention this

historic show tracing the contributions of Black artists from the civil rights movement to the present day. It was especially exciting to see how the Los Angeles iteration focused more deeply on West Coast artists such as Betye Saar, Charles White, and Noah Purifoy. —*Elisa Wouk Almino*