

Worth Avenue art dealer launches new Palm Beach Art Weekend

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Worth Avenue art dealer Sarah Gavlak has organized the first Palm Beach Art Weekend. Pictured behind: Andrew Brischler, *Cut Hunter*, 2014. Colored pencil, marker, and graphite on panel. Courtesy of Gavlak Palm Beach / Los Angeles

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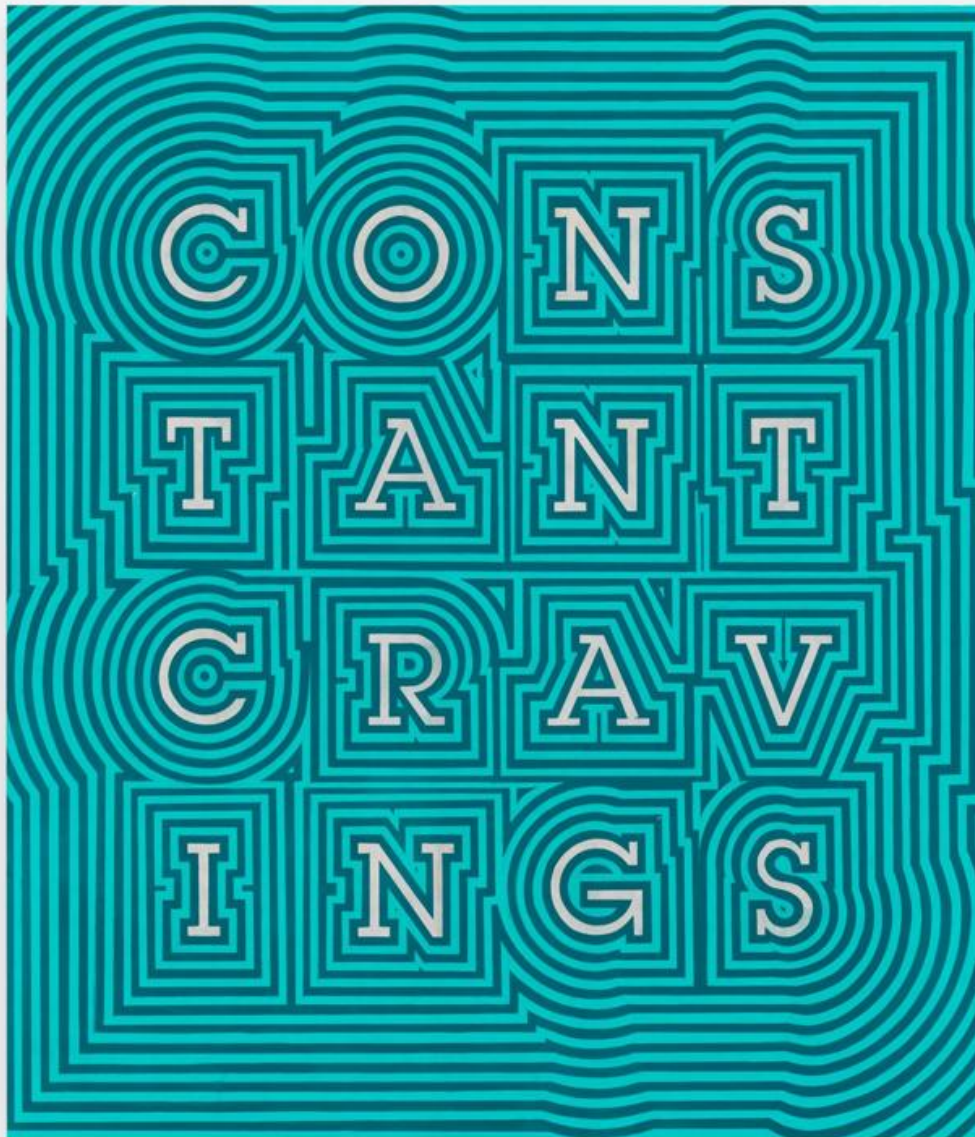
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Several private events, such as a Sotheby's reception at Holzer's home on Friday and the [opening of The Bunker, DeWoody's private collector space](#) in West Palm Beach on Saturday, are planned.

But a number of public offerings also are scheduled:

6-8 p.m. Friday - [Royal Poinciana Plaza Holiday Decor Reveal](#). Tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.

1-3 p.m. Saturday - The [launch of Culture Lab](#), a Culture Corps and Related Company project in the former Macy's department store, 575 S. Rosemary Ave., in CityPlace in West Palm Beach. Artist Michael Craig-Martin will unveil murals covering the building's exterior walls and Stephen Vitiello will debut his sound installation *You Are the Magic*, which will fill the interior of the second floor.

4-6 p.m. Saturday - A reception at [Gavlak Gallery](#), 249 Worth Ave., kicking off *Lonely Planet*, Andrew Brischler's solo exhibition, and a group show that's his curatorial debut. The artist will lead a walk-through at 5:30 p.m.

2-4 p.m. Sunday - Eric Shiner, former director of the Andy Warhol Museum and now Sotheby's senior vice president of private sales contemporary art, will sign copies of his new book, *The Impossible Warhol Collection* at [Assouline Books & Gifts](#) in the Royal Poinciana Plaza.

The Norton Museum, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, will be open noon to 5 p.m. all three days. Admission is free.

For information about Palm Beach Art Weekend, call Gavlak at 833-0583.