



LOCAL GALLERY HIGHLIGHTS

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With the MET and the MoMA in their backyard, smaller galleries aren't the first ones to come to mind when New York and New Jersey art aficionados are planning a trip to a museum. Yet several local galleries in the region are excellent in their own right and are well worth a visit. Here's a look at some of the art exhibited at four of them.

► | Caelum 61

Location: Canfin Gallery, Tarrytown, NY

Artist: Jylian Gustlin

AMERICAN ARTIST JYLIAN GUSTLIN is known for her intricate patterns (called *fibonaccis*) and remarkable figures. Her approach to painting is mathematical and precise, possibly because of her background in computer science. In this 48H x 60W-inch painting currently on display in Tarrytown's Canfin Gallery, Gustlin sets her distinctive figures against a diversified, colored background. Her art, collected mostly in North America (although she has fans off the continent as well), are in high demand by modern art collectors.

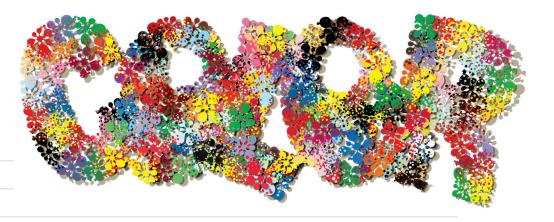
▲ | Les Femmes d'Alger (Version "O")

Location: Christie's, New York, NY

Artist: Pablo Picasso

LES FEMMES D'ALGER (VERSION "O") is one of Picasso's greatest works. Part of a series of 15 paintings he did from 1944 through 1955, Picasso created his own rendition of Delacroix's popular Les Femmes d'Alger. This oil-on-canvas painting, the last in the series, sold at Christie's "Looking Forward to the Past" on May 11 for \$179.4 million making it the highest painting ever sold at auction. Boasting Picasso's trademark bright colors and dignified shapes, Version "O" is one of the most collectible pieces in the world.





► | Bringing Color to Life

Location: Eden Fine Arts, New York, NY

Artist: David Kracov

AMERICAN ARTIST DAVID KRACOV has an extensive body of work under his belt. After working as an animator for Disney on movies such as *The Lion King* and *Aladdin*, Kracov began creating sculptures using laser-cut metals. One of his most striking pieces is his butterfly sculpture commissioned for the Holocaust Museum in Florida. Many Hollywood notables, including Matt Damon, Steven Spielberg and Whoopi Goldberg, collect his work. His newest exhibition, "Bringing Life to Colors," showcases Kracov's formidable sculpting skills through his use of the same laser-cut motif and 20 different bright colors.

► | Snake River Grand Teton

Location: YellowKorner Gallery, Short Hills, NJ

Artist: Laurent Baheux

LAURENT BAHEUX has been changing the way people look at outdoor photography for years. In his new black-and-white series entitled "AMERICA," Baheux traveled to various states capturing our country's fascinating natural world. The accompanying photo is a captivating shot of the Snake River in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park. Baheux's ability to capture nature in all its beautiful, raw pristineness makes you feel instantly transported to the sites he photographs.

