



## 5 Art Shows to See in L.A. This Week

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**This week, an artist remembers the time a rock star tried to kill him, and pregnant women —gasp! —present their work.**

### **Punk star roommate**

Todd Gray, an artist who makes sculptural photographs and wears costumes, has circulated in many of Los Angeles' strange creative spheres. In the 1980s, he worked as Michael Jackson's personal photographer. During the recent Hammer Biennial, he performed in the clothes of his friend, Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek. His performance this week, *Iggy Pop Tried to Kill Me*, is about the time Gray spent as Pop's roommate in Laurel Canyon in the 1970s. He'll be telling the story in the style of a West African griot. This could be effective, uncomfortable or both, given that Gray's performance happens in the context of Art Los Angeles Contemporary, an art fair where class and cultural-appropriation issues can be glaring. *3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica; Fri., Jan. 27, 1:30 p.m. (323) 851-7530, [artlosangelesfair.com](http://artlosangelesfair.com)*