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The 15 Must-See Solo Gallery Shows in Los Angeles This Fall

From Lynchian odes to LA from the late filmmaker himself to a rare West Coast presentation from France's most elusive artist, here are the solo shows you can't miss this season.

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Fall is already upon us. On the West Coast, that's more an excuse to plot a day of gallery hopping without the sun bearing down than a sign to break out the puffer. Los Angeles's galleries have a stacked calendar for the art-curious and aficionados alike, one that includes work by a number of late greats (like Silke Otto-Knapp, David Lynch, and Amadeo Luciano Lorenzato), and even more from emerging names. Here, we've charted your entire course through the litany of solo gallery show offerings on view this season.

"Keith Sonnier: Inside Light, 1968–1970"

Where: David Kordansky

When: Through Oct. 24

Why It's Worth A Look: The gallery's second solo showing of the late Keith Sonnier's sculptures follows the artist's early experimentation with neon and argon, the mediums that would later become integral to his practice. The exhibited pieces' mix of film, tubes of incandescent gas, and other manufacturing materials set the stage for the defining eccentricity of Sonnier's later performance and installation works.

Know Before You Go: It was during the years explored here—when Sonnier was beginning his career in New York in the 1960s—that he befriended artists including Eva Hesse, Bruce Nauman, and Gordon Matta-Clark, and took inspiration from the Fluxus movement to incorporate nontraditional materials into his own art.