

Female Artists 2013: Celebrate International Women's Day With 10 to Watch This Year

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Today is International Women's Day, an occasion celebrated every year on March 8 to pay tribute to the social, political and economic achievements of females across the globe. There are plenty of festive ways to honor this holiday (a Riot Grrrl karaoke party or a day spent protesting to make IWD founder Clara Zetkin proud?), but we decided to bring attention to the female artists we know and love in a slideshow dedicated to 10 women who are making a splash in 2013.



Xaviera Simmons

WHO: Xaviera Simmons, a multimedia artist who works in photography, sound, sculpture, video and performance, exploring concepts of memory and historical narrative along the way.

WHY: The Bard College alumna already has a Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study under her belt, as well as exhibitions

in New York and abroad, but we were particularly excited about her participation in the Contemporary Art Museum of Houston's recently closed show, "Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art," the first survey of black visual artists working in the performance realm. We'd love to see more shows like this in New York.

Image: One Day and Back Then (Standing) by Xaviera Simmons, 2007



Shinique Smith

WHO: Shinique Smith, an artist whose work reflects on her Baltimore upbringing and early desire to work with fashion and design.

WHY: She has a show on view at the Los Angeles Museum of Art, a combination of costumery and textiles tangled into sculptural installations like "Swaying Beauty." Suffice it to say, we're hooked.

Image: Shinique Smith, Swaying Beauty, 2007, clothing, foam, rope, and twine, 60 x 22 x 22 in., Los Angeles County Museum of Art, gift of Schiff Fine Art, © Shinique Smith.