

Mythical Creatures, Spooky Laughter and Spectacles of The Night: 6 New Art Shows Before Memorial Day

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Bushwick is heading into Memorial Day weekend with slivers of fantasy, spook and quantum science in this week's art openings. Opening Wednesday night at Art 3 Gallery: a mix of beauty and grotesque in the mythical creatures of "Bestiary" and throughout the weekend: TSA asks, *What occurs in the night?* while Transmitter deals in space, time and gravity. The Parlour Bushwick takes an evocative turn with traditional craft works in "Neo-Craftivism," "In The Mood For Swing" opens at SoAM Studio and "MDCCLXXXIV" opens at Kimberly-Klark Gallery in Ridgewood.

#1 "Bestiary" @ ART 3 Gallery (WED 6-9 pm)

109 Ingraham Street, Suite 102



Dan Brainbridge's exhibition "Bestiary" opens Wednesday (Image courtesy of Art 3 Gallery)

A menagerie of mythical creatures offers a "healthy dose of grotesque" in Dan Brainbridge's "Bestiary" opening at ART 3 Gallery Wednesday, May 20th. Described as grotesque for its extreme transmutations of zoological creatures and mythical for its subjects (i.e. unicorns and specimens reminiscent of minotaurs), these sculptural assemblages are bold creations of the artist's fantasy. For all their whimsy and absurdity, the works also appear vulnerable, unsettling and even repulsive, as if something is lurking. This show asks, "is Brainbridge exploring the tension between gentleness and aggression? Does his interest lie purely in distortion...beauty or ugliness?"

"Bestiary" runs through June 28, 2015.