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"DEFROSTED: A LIFE OF WALT DISNEY"

The painters David Humphrey and Adam Cvijanovic coconceived this unorthodox show—part magic kingdom, part
exquisite corpse—which is one of the summer's most
rollicking. Three murals by Cvijanovic collaborate with
canvases by Humphrey to depict key events in the life of the
animator, with particular emphasis placed on Disney's
Damascus moment: a polo accident that killed another player.
After that, the cartoon tycoon busied himself with toy trains,
the construction of theme parks, and the Cold War (his
propaganda pieces are parodied by the scene of a wasted
Tomorrowland on one wall). Some dozen artists contribute riffs
on Mickey Mouse and other familiar characters; the best of
these is David Herbert's stop-action cardboard update of
"Steamboat Willie." Through Aug. 6.

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