

Editors’ Picks: 23 Events for Your Art Calendar This Week, From Calder-Inspired Halloween Costumes to the ‘Great Pumpkin Path’

Here's how the art world is spending Halloween week.

Sarah Cascone, October 27, 2020

Through Saturday, October 31



Steve Mumford, *Attacking the Federal Courthouse, Portland, OR, Jul. 25, 2020* (2020). Courtesy of Postmasters.

20. “**Steve Mumford: Drawings From America’s Front Lines**” at Postmasters

In his latest solo exhibition at Postmasters, Steve Mumford focuses his distinct artistic technique on some of the most socially and politically charged scenes in the country’s recent history, including this spring’s public health crisis in New York; this summer’s Black Lives Matter protests in New York and Portland, Oregon; and a set of 2016 Trump campaign rallies in Portland, Maine and Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mumford attended each event depicted in the show, sketching the scenes as they unfolded around him in the moment. The approach demanded the artist shift his imagery and media try to interpret the underlying truth of situations perpetually moving faster than his tools—to me, an apt metaphor for the constant struggle faced by anyone trying to wrap their mind around the news cycle in a political arena increasingly defined by memes, conspiracy theories, and partisan distortions hurtling forward at the speed of social media.

Location: Postmasters, 54 Franklin Street

Price: Free

Time: Tuesday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (hours extended to 8 p.m. Thursday)

—Tim Schneider