

MORGAN LEHMAN

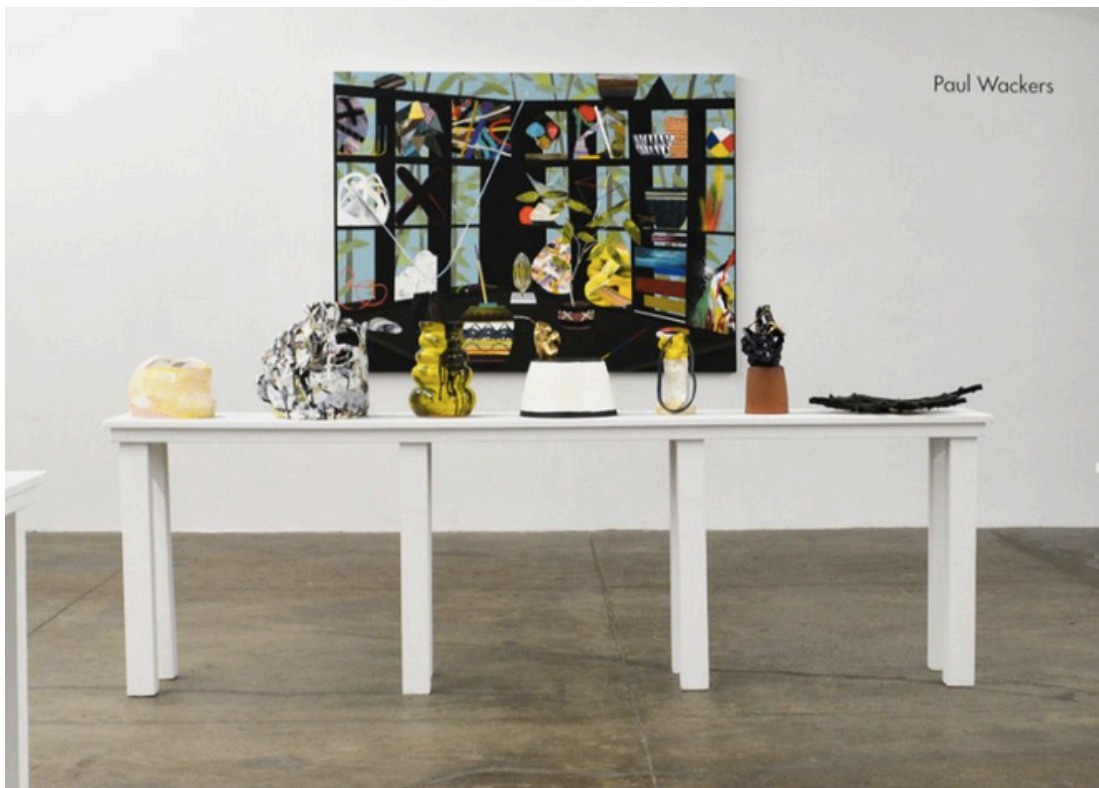
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## KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON SEEING ART: EVERYTHING WE SAW AND HEARD AT LAST NIGHT'S OPENINGS

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Paul Wackers at Morgan Lehman Gallery

Down the hall at Morgan Lehman, painter and ceramicist Paul Wackers worked in a similar form toying with flat and physical dimensions, showing graphic paintings of shelves and windows holding objects and on shelves in front of the paintings, real life renditions of those objects. The objects resemble household items like pottery, plants and books, but Wackers has given them an abstract twist with vibrant colors and manipulated shapes -- like you took a little acid and went to your aunt's house for brunch. The work in these shows brings the familiar into a slightly surreal sphere, bringing on that strange calm of descending down into the uncanny valley.