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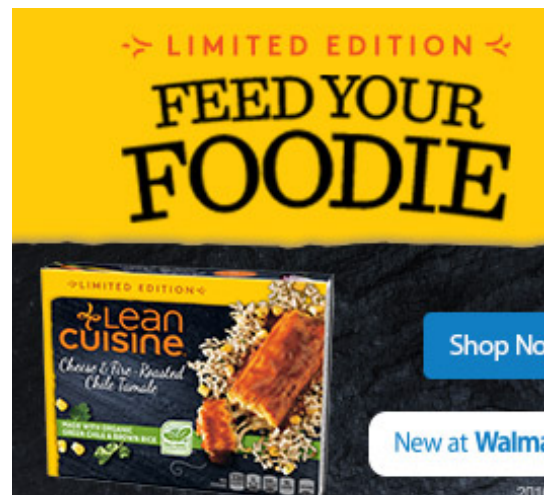
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Hiro Yokose's oil and beeswax paintings at Gallery A are richly atmospheric, romantic and highly luminous. Where the light comes from that streams onto his canvases and engulfs his mountains, bodies of water and enormous skies remains a surprise. But, the paintings depart in several pleasant ways from the work in Yokose's previous shows.

This go-around, the overall effect of his landscapes is different -- part abstract yet part realistic, because some of the landscape elements have been painted in a much more detailed style. Yokose also has begun to paint much larger works and play more with the beeswax that he applies to the top of the surfaces so that his scenes appear older, more mottled and more serene.



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Also on view is an installation, titled "The Last Supper," that is partly framed and incorporates photographic and three-dimensional images. Thirteen tiny chairs are pictured in tiny frames with one picture at the center devoid of any image. A real chair, similar stylistically to the ones depicted, sits in front of the work, and a Bible covered in wax is attached to the artwork with a string.

The show continues at 300 W. Superior St. through Saturday.

The latest show of Richard Loving, titled "Dissections" and on view at the Printworks gallery, continues to reveal an artist who loves movement and creating a complex multilayered "universe" of large and small elements that he draws from his storehouse of familiar tiny marks or hatchings. The subject matter of these mixed-media pen and ink drawings continues to contain some recognizable shapes such as clouds, the sun, skeletons and also human body parts. But the way Loving assembles his "icons" into chaotic, surreal compositions can best be described as stream of consciousness.

In a short essay on the show, Mark Pascale, assistant curator of prints and drawings at The Art Institute of Chicago, explains that Loving's compositions have begun to resemble 16th Century celestial maps of the hemispheres, thus "fixing the artist's interest in referring to the conflict between scientific or rational observation, and the myths we have devised based upon these phenomena."

The show continues through Saturday, at 311 W. Superior St.

Teapots have long been a favorite form for ceramicists. While functional in many cases, they also offer a sculptural shape that is attractive in itself. Instead of just focusing on teapot subject matter, as it sometimes has, Lill Street has expanded the repertoire of its current Gallery 1021 show, "Pours It On," to other vessels that pour: pitchers, soy bottles, cruet sets by local and national artists. The show continues through Sunday at 1021 W. Lill St.

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