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10 visual art shows to look forward to this fall

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The locavore food trend has finally trickled up to the art world. Thanks at least in part to Art Design Chicago, a yearlong citywide initiative of the Terra Foundation, an unprecedented majority of this fall's exhibitions feature artists connected in one way or another to Chicago, including not one but at least three shows on the Hairy Who and its various members, a survey of South Side art at the Smart Museum, and rarer offerings like collagist Ralph Arnolds at the MoCP. The effect of all this regional fare on viewer digestion remains to be seen; in an effort to maintain a varied diet, choice items of international sustenance have been sought far and wide and included on the menu below.

“Brendan Fernandes: The Living Mask”: African masks and classical ballet have played storied roles in modern art (think Picasso and Degas, for starters). Fernandes, who was born in Kenya and comes to Chicago by way of Canada, brings both into the present and possibly the future in a show that includes photography, steel, neon, vinyl and dance alongside a display of wooden masks from the museum's own African collection. *Sept. 6-Dec. 16, DePaul Art Museum, 935 W. Fullerton Ave., 773-325-7506, museums.depaul.edu*