

5 Artsy Things to Do

## Five Artsy Things to Do This Week, Including a Human Microphone

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Courtesy of the artist and CB1 Gallery

Jaime Scholnick's postcard, *Godzilla With T-pot Fossil Tower* (2012)

### 1. Polystyrene politics

As the Bush administration was ending, Jaime Scholnick was making intricate, leering portraits of political figures out of glitter paint. Dick Cheney's mouth would be open, Condeleezza Rice's face would be scrunched. Intricate geometric patterns would play out behind each figure, augmenting the overstimulation. Somehow, by 2010, Scholnick had become interested in just the patterns and had taken up polystyrene as her subject and material in place of politicians. The polystyrene, often salvaged from the trash and patterned by Scholnick in black-and-white or colored ink, became a stand-in for capitalism and excess. In Scholnick's new show at [CB1 Gallery](#), the polystyrene totems and wall pieces are accompanied by a series of altered postcards, on which Scholnick's colorful creations invade pop culture, looming in the background as Godzilla wreaks havoc or replacing letters in the Hollywood Sign. 207 W. Fifth St., dwtwn. (213) 806-7889, [cb1gallery.com](#).