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## Five Artsy Things to Do This Week, From a Toilet Seat Swing Set to a Granite Gorilla

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Andra Ursuta, *Natural Born Artist*, 2012

### 1. Playground defecation

Andra Ursuta's installation at [Ghebaly Gallery](#), "[Mothers, Let Your Daughters Out Into the Street](#)," features a swing set with a smart, suave design. Two angled cinderblock towers hold up an orange-red pole, from which four colored, perfectly rectangular swings hang. These swings have holes in their seats, which at first look like just another design flourish -- maybe the round openings are meant to contrast with the squareness of the seats. But according to the press release, Ursuta added the holes partly in response to psychologist Alice Miller's writing about a young child paranoid about his parents' expectations for him, working to meet those expectations by controlling everything about himself down to his bowel movements. The swing set, titled *Natural Born Artist*, would be a solution for a child who needed to relieve himself right on time, and the idea of excrement flying out of those perfect, colored swings is hard to purge from your head even if you'll never actually see it happen. 2600 S. La Cienega Blvd.; through Jan. 7. (310) 280-0777, [ghebaly.com](#).