

## Goings On About Town: Art

### Rico Gatson

Opening with a new series of canvases commemorating the Watts riots, this muscular survey presents a mid-career artist who lends new power to images so familiar that others might consider them exhausted. Most striking in the gallery's wide-open space are his "Magic Stick" sculptures, hard-edged geometric abstractions that exude a talismanic air, and "Picket Cage," a white fence enclosing a video of a Klan-hooded head morphing into crackling flames. Joined, in a set of works on paper, by the ghosts of black heroes from Huey Newton to Michael Jackson, these fraught symbols accrue still greater power. Through Nov. 23.

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