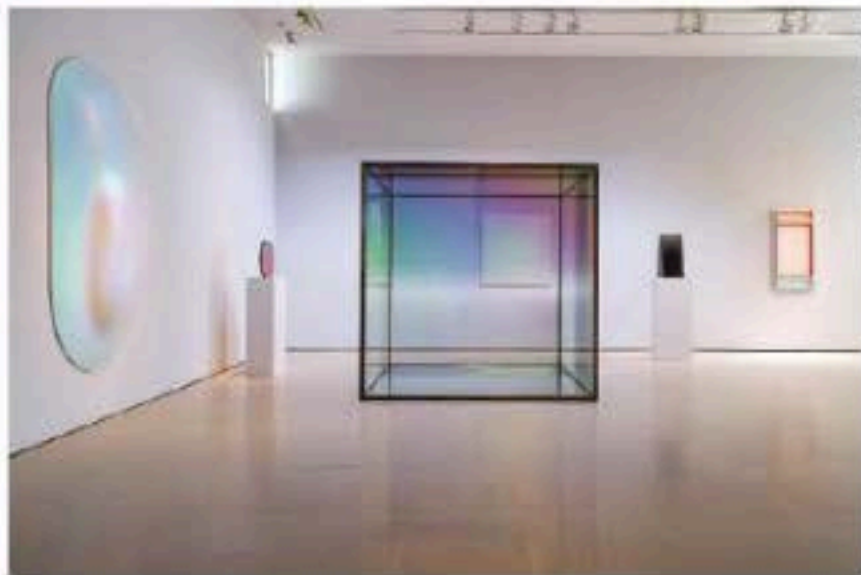


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SPACE RACE

This summer's most ethereal show makes you want to hitch a ride on SpaceX's mission to



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Mars. "Radiant Space" at **McClain Gallery** recalls the Light and Space artists from the 1960s — some of whom are present here — and reminds us why that work is optimistic and timeless. Populated by second-gen members of the school — as well as the king of the vapor box, **Larry Bell** — the exhibition is an investigation into abstraction, a sublime and planetary orbit with sculptural work that teeters toward minimalism with the pow of new materials (urethane, blow-molded acrylic, vaporized quartz on glass) that serve as vessels for incandescent chambers of color. A fresh discovery, Puerto Rican-raised, L.A.-based **Gisela Colón**, creates curvaceous space capsules

that almost steal the show from the eight other talents (all male). She's also the subject of a traveling museum solo that touches down next summer at Roswell Museum and Art Center in New Mexico (June 30 – September 24, 2017). Other best bets include **De Wain Valentine**, Colón's mentor, who has been rediscovered thanks to the Getty-funded "Pacific Standard Time," and Houston's international **Christian Eckart**, returning to a series of fractured framed works fabricated on aluminum that hover between painting and sculpture. "Radiant Space" at McClain Gallery, through August 13; mcclaingallery.com. Catherine D. Ansporn

BUZZ IN A BOX

Leave it to the French to take the all-American cocktail hour to a swish new level. At \$1,300, **Baccarat's Cocktail Party in a Box** is a set of eight of its most iconic glass designs: Château Baccarat flute, Vega flute, Château Baccarat wine glass, Vega Martini, Harcourt 1841 Old Fashion tumbler, Vega highball, Harcourt 1841 wine glass and Biba tumbler. Enscorced in Baccarat's signature red box, the legendary crystal glasses are no-fail conversation starters. After all, who can resist sipping their muddled bitters



and whiskey in a vessel commissioned by King Louis-Philippe in 1841. Cheers. *Exclusively at Baccarat in the Galleria, 713.572.4001, baccarat.com.* Rebecca Sherman



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