

Offbeat art blazes a trail in Vegas

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“Taos Tapestry”

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I was driving on I-215 south of town when for an instant I mistook the silhouetted Strip for the real Manhattan skyline. I had gotten back from three weeks in the Big Apple the night before, and what I'd seen there was on my mind. The following day I decided to try to find a meaningful connection between the art I saw in New York and a new Las Vegas exhibit.

Newfangled at the Main Gallery is a group exhibition of drawings by 11 artists represented by 36 smallish works and comparable stylistically to the much larger group show at MOMA in New York City with 100 works by self-taught outsiders and conventionally trained professionals inspired by outsider art.

In recent years the art world has become receptive to art that is out of the mainstream, and in particular to experimental or offbeat drawings. Las Vegas is not immune to this trend, so it is not surprising to find commonalities between the New York and Las Vegas shows. They both feature

