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Salt Lake

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Just a reminder: Local arts journalist and critic Scotti Hill is crashing our newsletter for a few weeks while we onboard our new Newsletter Editor! 🌈

WEEKEND ROAD TRIP TO EPHRAIM

Granary Arts is among the most unique art spaces you're sure to encounter in Utah. Built in 1876 from the local church relief society, the Granary was a wheat storage and community lifeline for the poor. The building was preserved from demolition in 1990, spawning a community effort to restore the space and convert it into a community arts organization.

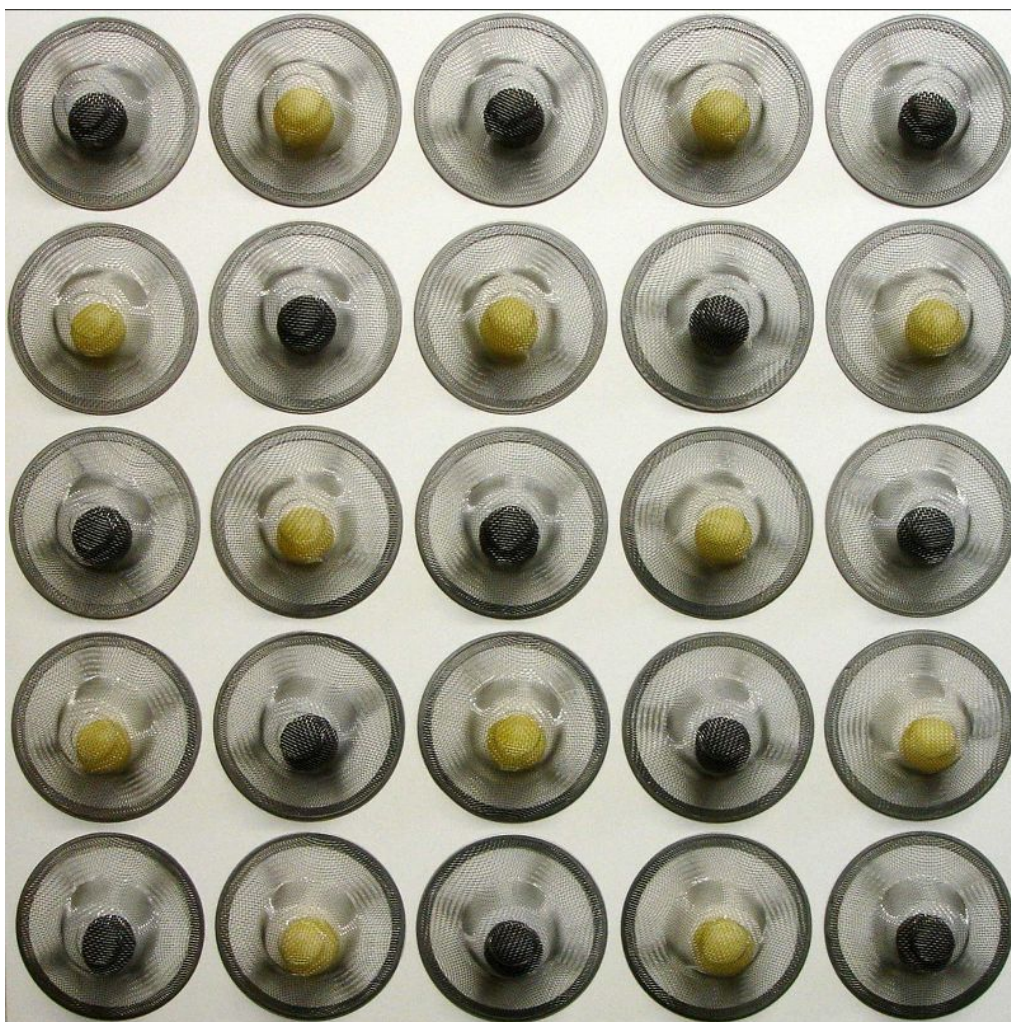
Recently, Granary's reputation as a harbinger of cutting-edge art is being recognized on a [national scale](#). The gallery serves as a vital reminder of the power and possibilities of rural community artmaking.



Now, Granary is hosting one of Utah's most beloved artists. Born in Cuautla, Morelos, Mexico, Jorge Rojas has been an indelible fixture within Salt Lake City's art scene for years.

Today, Rojas will be awarded the 2022 Mayor's Artist Award at the Utah Arts Festival.

His new exhibition, "[Material Witness](#)," is a mid-career retrospective that compiles experimentation from over 15 years of work and it's on display at Granary Arts through September 23.



Study for Mural #1, Jorge Rojas / Jorge Rojas

A FEW IDEAS

You weren't invited to the [G7 Summit](#), so what! Here are some other great ways to spend your weekend:

Screenings are happening all over the place on Fri, Sat, and Sun: Fisher Brewing, Brewvies, SLC Eatery, and Sunset Studios. Personally, I love a shorts lineup. There's something for everyone and it suits my attention span.

+ **Sisters Exhibit Opening** — Tonight at the Gallery inside Lost Eden, artist Lupita Herrera presents a series of photographs depicting Salt Lake's active drag culture. Artist's talk at 7PM, drag show at 7:30PM, [tickets and details here](#).

+ **Utah Arts Festival** — One of Utah's crown jewels is already in full-swing at Library Square, and runs through Sunday. [Tickets are affordable](#), the bands are amazing, the vibes are 🍷. There's even a bike valet.

+ **Learn to Sew** — Animalia is hosting a free sewing clinic and clothing repair day Saturday from 12-4PM at the shop on 900 S. [You can finally learn to patch your jeans!](#)

+ **Nuanua Collective Pride Picnic** – The 2nd annual! Sunday at 6PM in Jordan Park. [RSVP here](#), bring a dish and a friend, and celebrate queer Pasifika excellence. Nuanua means 'rainbow' in Samoan.



TODAY ON THE POD: SPORTS ROUNDUP

A lot of sports news this week: Drama at the Jazz in the form of an [~unusual rebrand](#) and a [potential trade](#) of Rudy Gobert. Meanwhile, Real Salt Lake's season is [off to a great start](#) and we just celebrated the [50th anniversary](#) of Title IX! *If I'm at a party this weekend, how do I keep up when the conversation turns to sports?*

Whether you're a season ticket holder or total newbie, I think you'll enjoy [this 20min chat](#) between myself and the Salt Lake Tribune's Jazz beat reporter Andy Larsen about the week in Salt Lake sports and what to make of Ryan Smith's vision for our state.

[Listen to the pod.](#)

A FEW MORE THINGS

where it will surely pass and be signed by President Biden. Utah's entire federal delegation voted against it...except Sen. Romney. The bill offers modest reforms. ([Washington Post](#))

The gondola is still on the table: A group of mayors, local orgs, and activists rallied Wednesday night in their fight to keep a gondola out of Little Cottonwood Canyon. It's hard to ignore how many electeds in the valley hate the idea, but state leaders are going to try. ([Salt Lake Tribune](#))

Speaking of Title IX: We have a long way to go. Three transgender athletes are in court fighting Utah's ban on their participation in sport teams that align with their gender identity. The ban is slated to take full effect July 1. ([FOX13](#))

This thing keeps burning: The wildfire outside Bryce Canyon National Park has grown to 4,600 acres and remains 5% contained. ([Salt Lake Tribune](#))

- **Related:** 3 in 4 Americans ignore evacuation orders and more than half of us don't have an emergency kit. Given the Utah culture of 'prepping,' I'd be surprised if we don't poll a little better than average. ([Deseret News](#))

The Supreme Court was busy yesterday: They struck down a gun control measure in New York, and determined police can't be sued for not reading your Miranda Rights at arrest. We don't have a Roe decision yet, but it could come today. If you want to keep an eye on the Court, I recommend: ([SCOTUSBlog](#))

ADOPT A STORM DRAIN

Our stormwater runs into the Great Salt Lake, so we need to keep storm drains unclogged in order to ensure every drop makes it to the lake. Do you love picking up trash like my friend, Syd? [This is your moment.](#)

Just adopted a storm drain lol

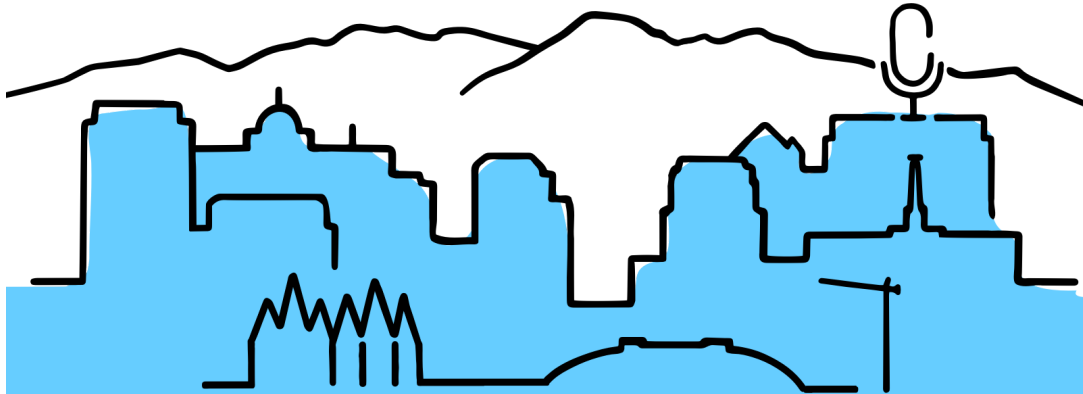
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Omg really?

Incredible

Yeah!!! Easy volunteer and I love picking up trash

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