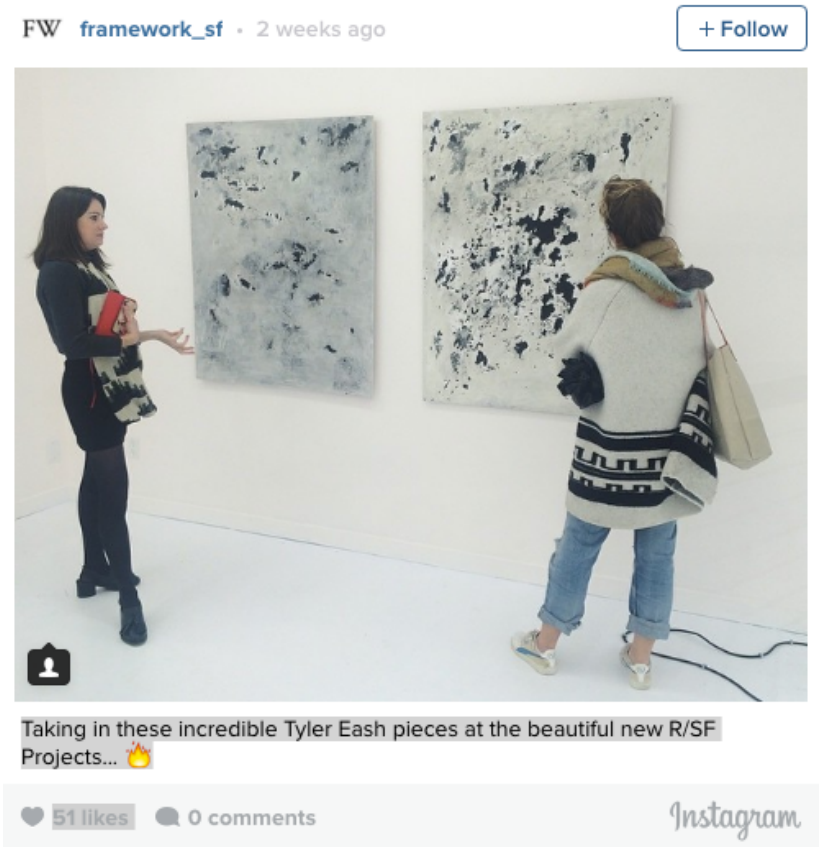
“The Most Unique Art Spaces to Visit in San Francisco”
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R/SF

R/SF was founded this past February in the Mission, offering ‘a curatorial project space for raw contemporary work, alternative projects, and offbeat programming from the Bay Area’s emerging talent.’ The gallery thrives on all things experimental, encouraging lots of risk-taking of its artists. Since its opening, the space has hosted a huge number of events, eventually evolving and moving to a bigger space downtown which also serves as studio space for some of the 70 artists the gallery works with.

R\SF, 1050 Larkin St, San Francisco, CA, USA



Artists' Television Access

Located in San Francisco's Mission District at the intersection of Valencia and 21st Street, Artists' Television Access prides itself on cultivating 'culturally-aware underground media and experimental art.' ATA hosts works by independent and experimental artists, including screenings, exhibitions, performances, workshops and events. Works are showcased in ATA's theater and gallery spaces, as well as in an online magazine and a public-access cable show called The Other Cinema, hosted by filmmaker Craig Baldwin. The organization is run by a group of artists themselves, with a passion for 'fostering a supportive community for the exhibition of innovative art and the exchange of non-conformist ideas.'

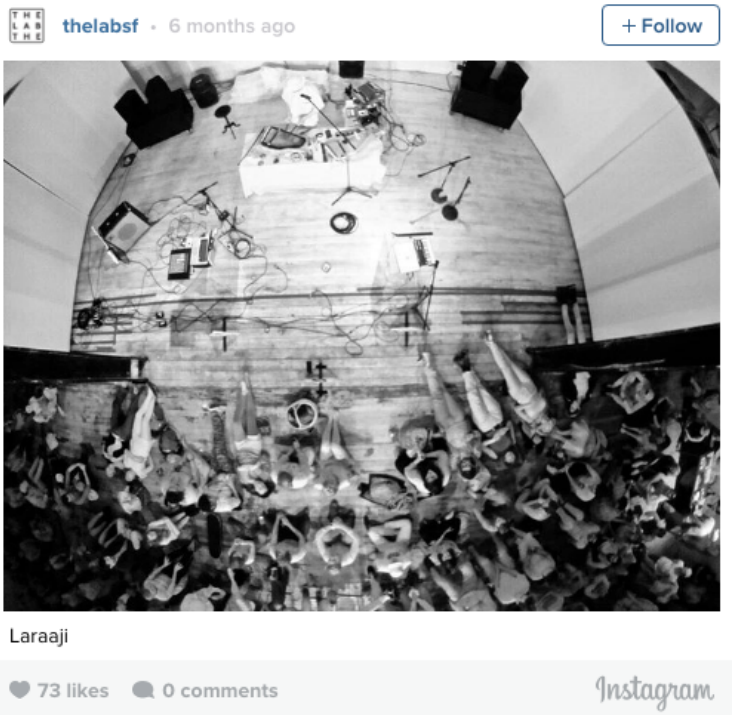
Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA, USA



The Lab

Located in the Redstone Building in the Mission District of San Francisco is The Lab, a non-profit art gallery and performance space. A W.A.G.E.-certified organization, The Lab is recognized for its commitment to paying artist fees that meet a minimum standard. The organization is proud to provide space and resources for artistic experimentation, with the belief that 'if it gives artists enough time, space, and funding to realize their vision, the work they produce will change the way we experience the world.' By seeking out artists underrepresented due to gender, class, race, sexuality, or geography, as well as those whose work is not easily defined, The Lab aims to revolutionize the way we evaluate artistic value.

The Lab, 2948 16th St, San Francisco, CA, USA



Savernack Street

Every day, San Franciscans walk by the city's smallest art gallery without knowing it. Savernack Street, a gallery that can only be seen through a peephole, is hidden in plain sight on 24th Street in the Mission district. The gallery was founded in 2013 by artist and curator Carrie Sinclair Katz, MFA graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute. The tiny gallery was inspired by her struggle to break into — and afford to live in — the San Francisco art community. The size of the gallery comments not only on the difficulty of affording life as an artist but also the lack of affordability in San Francisco, which has been named the most expensive city to rent in by a number of publications over the past few years.

Savernack Street, 2411 24th St, San Francisco, CA, USA



Creativity Explored

Creativity Explored has one of the most unique missions of all, specifically providing artists with developmental disabilities the resources to create and exhibit their art. This organization thrives on the understanding that 'all people have the ability to create, and that visual artistic expression is a viable means to enhance personal identity and growth.' Come visit the exhibit space on 16th Street in the Mission District for a taste of the creativity this space nurtures.

Creativity Explored, 3245 16th St, San Francisco, CA, USA

