

Weekend Edition: 11 Things To Do in New York's Art World Before November 23

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Opening: Ralph Eugene Meatyard at DC Moore Gallery

If you had to come up with a good horror movie antagonist name, don't you think *Ralph Eugene Meatyard* would be ideal? Well, I'm sorry to say that the photographer of that name was actually a hell of a guy. He served in the Navy after attending Williams College, and in 1950 moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where he worked as an optician and later opened his own business, Eyeglasses of Kentucky. Aside from staging his family in unusual poses and masks against an everyday Kentuckian backdrop for his photographs, he was just your normal suburban dad. Over the years the self-taught photographer created an oeuvre that was both formally and conceptually inquisitive, mysterious and gorgeous. This show will present forty photographs highlighting Meatyard's career on the subjects of his family, as well as the "Motion-Sound," "Zen," and "Light on Water" series'. You won't want to miss it.



Untitled (Boy in Old Man's Mask with Doll) by Ralph Eugene Meatyard. (Photo: Courtesy of the artist's estate)

DC Moore, 535 West 22nd Street, New York, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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