



"Dear Listener" at the Heard Museum

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The Best Things We Saw in 2018

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If 2018 is any indication, art is flourishing in Phoenix. From gallery and museum shows to outstanding live entertainment, there was plenty to see in the Valley this year. It made it hard for us to pick our favorites, but we managed somehow. These are the best things we saw in 2018.

“Any Moment Now”

For a time, several galleries at Phoenix Art Museum were filled with everyday objects such as light bulbs, footstools, book jackets, liquor glasses, headboards, and a lone pocket watch suspended from the ceiling. All were part of a mid-career survey featuring Brazilian artist Valeska Soares, whose works prompt fresh considerations of time by engaging memory and the senses. The exhibition, which ran from March 24 to July 15, included periodic installation of Soares’ *Push/Pull*, comprising sculptural pieces made with unusual flavors of taffy, suspended on a metal pole and constantly reshaped in front of visitors, who were invited to eat small pieces of the work. Even dried roses, marble pillows, and mirrored orbs were part of this compelling exhibit.

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