



Upstate Art Weekend // Preview

Some of the must-see exhibitions during Upstate Art Weekend in New York

The third annual iteration of the Hudson Valley arts festival features its biggest roster yet, with nearly 150 events and exhibitions



Installation view of Natalja Kent at Situations x Foreland.
Courtesy Foreland.



Athena LaTocha, *As Night Devours the World* (2022) at JDJ the Ice House.
Courtesy JDJ.

Athena LaTocha [🔗](#)

Until 24 July at JDJ the Ice House, 17 Mandalay Drive, Garrison

The New York-based artist Athena LaTocha is celebrated for her multimedia works, ranging from sculpture and painting to immersive soundscapes, which deal with the Anthropocene and our connection to the earth. In this exhibition comprising three new works, the artist amalgamates sheets of lead hand-molded from the outline of rocks in the region with ink, resin-coated paper and other organic and synthetic materials to create voluminous abstract compositions that resemble ravaged landscapes. The works symbolically preserve stories of the landscape surrounding the gallery that have been long forgotten; LaTocha notes that the area, which is close to the Hudson River, was an important location for both the Munsee Lenape tribe, early European colonisers and the US military during the Revolutionary War. LaTocha's work was a highlight of the Greater New York 2021 exhibition at MoMA PS1, and previously in an acclaimed exhibition at the BRIC in Brooklyn, in which the installation *In the Wake Of...* (2021) magnified her work, creating a piece that spanned 55 ft across and featured a sonic component that disrupted the space with city sounds.