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Serving F.A.C.E.

The sixth annual F.A.C.E. Awards — first achievers in community excellence — honor Houston's LGBT community in a variety of categories, including bartender, drag illusionist and chef of the year. Among this year's presenters are Stephanie Rice, recently seen on "The Voice"; Derrick Shore of "Houston Life TV"; and Bobby Brooks, the first openly gay student body president of Texas A&M University. The performance lineup includes Angelina DM Trailz as Lady Gaga, the cast of Hamburger Mary's and Grammy winner Billy Dorsey. Sarah Pepper and Lauren Kelly of Mix 96.5 return as hosts.

When: 7 p.m. Thursday

Where: South Beach, 810 Pacific

Details: free; faceawards.org

Joey Guerra

Powerful Messenger

Operating out of Durham, N.C., MC Taylor's Hiss Golden Messenger delivers a kaleidoscopic variety of roots music that draws from country, blues, bluegrass, gospel and pretty much anything else acoustic and Southern. "Power folk" is the best I can do to summarize the hooky, but earthy sounds he's delivered on nine albums over the past decade. The most recent is a beauty, "Hallelujah Anyhow."

When: 7 p.m. Thursday

Where: White Oak Music Hall, 2915 N. Main

Details: \$15-\$17; whiteoakmusicHall.com

Andrew Dansby

Musical melding

Pianist Sarah Rothenberg loves to combine musical forms in ways that are inventive but also make you think, "well, duh." After a successful joining together of Picasso and Stravinsky last fall, Rothenberg does some genre-crossing exploration once again with "A Proust Sonata," a play-meets-concert about

Perspective shifts

Two shows opening this weekend at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston could mess with a viewer's brain because of their polar-opposite aesthetics. "HOME — So Different, So Appealing," opening Friday, is a sprawling show of more than 100 works set up as a dialogue between 30 U.S.-based Latino artists and their Latin American counterparts about big, ugly issues — immigration and political repression, dislocation and diaspora and personal memory and utopian ideals. The show includes painting, photography, sculpture, performance and film as well as room-eating installations that may feel strangely familiar to Houstonians living in mucked-out houses. Sunday brings a jewel-boxlike experience with the opening of "Bestowing Beauty: Masterpieces From Persian Lands," a serene exhibition featuring 14 centuries' worth of exquisitely detailed miniature paintings, ceramics, inlaid metal wares, finely woven textiles and a monumental silk carpet.

When: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 12:15-7 p.m. Sunday

Where: Museum of Fine Arts,

Houston, 1001 Bissonnet

Details: \$7.50-\$15, free on Thursdays; 713-639-7300, mfaah.org

Molly Glentzer

Marcel Proust's explorations of memory, with music by Fauré, Schumann, Debussy and others. Presented by Da Camera of Houston.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Where: Moody Center for the Arts, 6100 Main

Details: 713-438-2787, dacamera.com

Wei-Huan Chen

The book on Kinky

This week's Kinky Friedman show will be a little different from the usual affair. Friedman will do his thing, singing and telling stories. But the show is paired with a book signing by Mary Lou Sullivan, who's penned the brand new Friedman biography "Everything's Bigger in Texas: The Life and Times of Kinky Friedman."

When: 9:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: McGonigel's Mucky Duck, 2425 Norfolk

Details: \$30-\$35; 713-528-5999, mcgonigels.com

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H-Town WestFest

Just weeks after the World Series, West Coast and Third Coast collide again at H-Town WestFest, a hip-hop summit of sorts. Houston will be represented by Scarface, Bun B and Lil' Keke, while Los Angeles fields a team including Ice Cube and DJ Quik, along with some other California players including Too Short and E-40.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: Smart Financial Centre, 18111 Lexington, Sugar Land

Details: \$34.50-\$129.50; 281-207-6278, smartfinancialcentre.com.

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'Trees' create magic

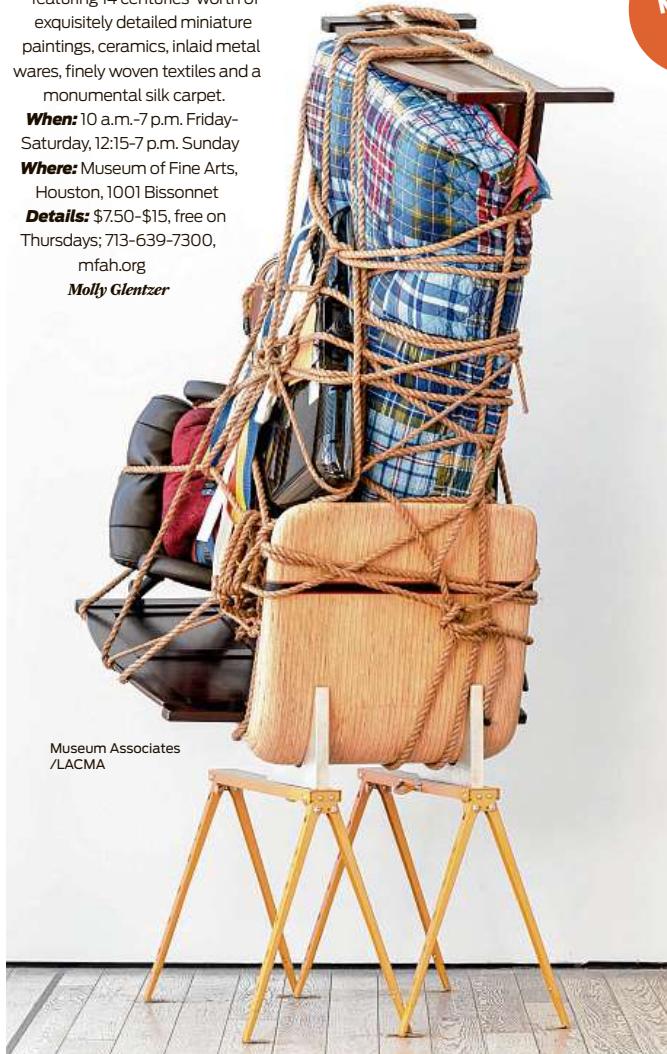
What might a human voice sound like if it were turned into music or look like if it were translated to light? That's the fun of "Hello, Trees! A Walking Serenade," a new interactive light and sound installation commissioned by Discovery Green. Designed by the Montreal studio Daily tous les jours, "Hello, Trees!" was inspired by the century-old live oaks of the park's Brown Foundation Promenade. The installation, on view from Saturday through Feb. 25, adds sparkle to the downtown green space.

When: 6 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, through Feb. 25

Where: Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney;

Details: Free; discoverygreen.com

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