

5 Artsy Things to Do

## Five Artsy Things to Do This Week, Including Renaissance Painting With RoboCop

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Courtesy of the artist and Wharton + Espinosa

Still from Shana Moulton's video *Restless Leg Saga* (2012)

This week, the ghost of a long-defunct society hosts a concert in Culver City, a video artist channels allergy-drug commercials and a sculptor pumps water through a maze of PVC pipes.

### 1. Agony and ecstasy

Shana Moulton's alter ego is a hypochondriac with a Dorothy Hamill haircut, big eyes and a collection of pastel-colored bathrobes. In a 2006 video from her *Whispering Pines* series, she spends a day filling pots with sand and crystals, perfecting her apartment's energy. At one point a magic ladder grows out of a flower pot, and she climbs up to find a rave going on above the ceiling. She hesitates, then dances ecstatically, until she stops feeling well, starts vomiting and loses that good energy she's been trying so hard to hone. This video and another of Moulton's, *Restless Leg Saga*, play as part of Wharton + Espinosa's show "Disoriented Orientation / Oriented Disorientation." They're both new-age soap operas that combine the colors of Easter eggs, the eternally optimistic aesthetic of drug commercials and ethereal music reminiscent of Enya's. *8687 Melrose Ave., W. Hlywd; through Jan. 4. (310) 903-9566, wharton-espinosa.com.*