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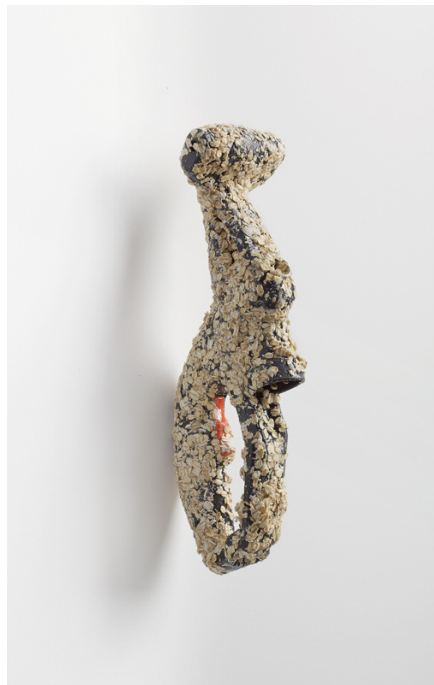
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Fall Arts Preview: Top 10 Gallery Shows

What we've most been looking forward to in the city's museums

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Michael E. Smith at Clifton Benevento | Opens Nov. 2

A craggy hunk of foam, an old sweatshirt, some blue Bic pens. These are some of Michael E. Smith's chosen materials, which he cuts or beats up or melts into objects that, despite their dilapidation, retain a frightening dignity, some silent mark of human life shining through. This is what Isa Genzken's sculptures will look like in 500 years if they're not properly cared for. As the built environment descends slowly into hell (and the digital, which may be the same thing), Mr. Smith's objects are already well past all that trauma. They're ruins, harboring hints of their inevitable redemption. After a sterling showing at last year's Whitney Biennial, he has museum shows coming up in Bordeaux and Dallas.