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One of the year's best shows, Riva Sweetrocket with her pastel show, "Handle with Care," at Plus Gallery. *Denver Post file photo*

Top 10 Art Shows of 2008

"Inspiring Impressionism," Denver Art Museum.

A trio of interrelated, concurrent Chinese photography exhibitions:

"Body Art: New Photography from China," Foothills Art Center;

"Out of Place," Robischon Gallery, and

"Huang Yan," Michele Mosko Fine Art.

"Handle with Care," Riva Sweetrocket, pastels, Plus Gallery.

"Florence Knoll: Defining Modern," Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art.

"Damien Hirst," Museum of Contemporary Art Denver.

"Mike and Doug Starn: Attracted to Light," Steele Gallery.

"An Imaginary History of the West," Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

"Daniel Richter: A Major Survey," Denver Art Museum.

"In Contemporary Rhythm: The Art of Ernest L. Blumenschein," Denver Art Museum.

"Light and Time," Mark Sink and Kristen Hatgi, wet-collodion photographs, Rule Gallery.