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7 Stellar Works of Art Up for Auction in Toronto

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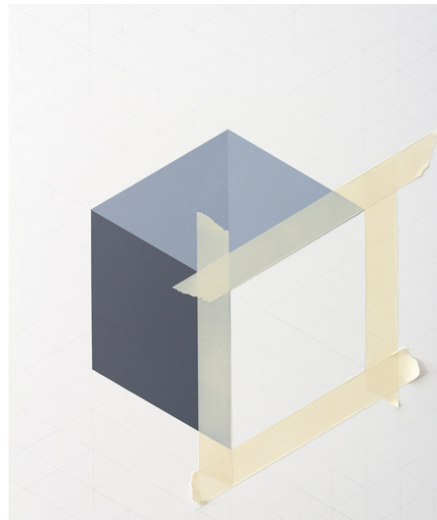
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Tonight, the contemporary art centre Mercer Union hosts Stellar Living 2015, its biannual benefit auction. Here are seven standout pieces from the 60 works contributed by Canadian and international artists.

The auction begins today (May 13) at 7pm, and tickets cost \$90. All profits will support future exhibitions and programming at the artist-run venue.

Ahead of the sale, lots are on display in Mercer Union's gallery space at 1286 Bloor Street West. Including signs, sculptures, photographs, paintings and mixed-media canvases, the group of works makes for a great introduction to the themes, processes and ideas contemporary artists are currently experimenting with.

Below, we flag seven striking pieces sure to resonate with the architecture and design crowd.



3 Masking tape unmask the artistic process

Saskatoon's Tammi Campbell's acrylic cube paintings initially appear unfinished – in both, a section of the canvas' subject has not yet been painted. Instead, the missing portion of each polygon is bordered with masking tape. This technique reveals Campbell's process, drawing attention to the methods she uses to ensure precision when painting. Cream-coloured adhesive tape is also used to exaggerate the edges of the overlapping panels in Roula Partheniou's Construction #1 composition and appears again, more conventionally, in Ryan Park's photos of two beat-up shipping boxes.

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