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Richard Mayhew: Inner Terrain

A rare and timely exhibition of the artwork of **Richard Mayhew** (b. 1924), featuring two dozen paintings that speak to American arts, culture, and history. Mayhew's African American, Shinnecock, and Cherokee-Lumbee ancestries inform his dreamlike landscapes, which are saturated in vibrant colors, including shades of red and burnt



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