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'This Week's Must-See Art Events: Movies and Benefits.'

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OPENING: Brut-Nama: The Chronicles of Brut Aicon Gallery, 35 Great Jones Street, NoHo 6-8 PM

Already, Abdullah M I Syed's first major US exhibition generates plenty of mystique. Not only is it a rarity— an Australia-based Pakistani artist exploring Muslim male identity— but it's also the narrative. "Brut-Nama: The Chronicles of Brut," stems from Faberge's popular fragrance, "The Essence of Man." Syed will examine the essence of Brut, as a male ideal, as well as the arts and crafts tradition of "Art Brut," or Outsider Art.

