

# Get out The lowdown on the good stuff

SATURDAY

## Storybook installation highlights gallery crawl

Downtown art galleries will throw open their doors from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday to debut their latest exhibits as part of the **First Saturday Art Crawl**.

Highlights this month include an installation at Twist Art Gallery by **Mark Sloniker**, a Nashville-based artist who spends most of his time building puppets for theme parks. His fanciful show at Twist will conjure all the excitement and fear a child might encounter upon reading a fairy tale.

Just across from Twist's space in The Arcade, The Arts Company, at 215 Fifth Ave. N., will be host to **Kristen**



COURTESY OF TAG ART GALLERY  
**Michael McConnell's *Busy Squirrels*, acrylic and latex on wood, is one of the darkly fanciful works on view at TAG Art Gallery.**

and **Mason Frenzel**, a Murfreesboro married couple whose collaborative art pays tribute to "Nashville Crowns," the hairstyles of Music City's most iconic figures.

A few doors down at 237 Fifth Ave. N., TAG Art Gallery shows drawings by **Michael McConnell** and paintings by **Nick Butcher**. Like Sloniker, McConnell evokes the mixture of wonder and darkness that resides within children's stories; Butcher's abstractions are more open-ended but just as evocative. For more info about these exhibits, visit [www.twistartgallery.com](http://www.twistartgallery.com), [www.theartscompany.com](http://www.theartscompany.com) or [www.tagartgallery.com](http://www.tagartgallery.com).

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