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## ARTFORUM Best of 2014: The Artists' Artists

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Linda Stark (University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA) I had seen photographs of Stark's paintings over the years and considered myself a fan, but I was unprepared for the impact of encountering the canvases in the flesh. "Sculpted" with oil paint and suffused with intense emotion, their meticulously crafted surfaces and seemingly banal images lodged themselves in the folds of my unconscious usually reserved for the weirdest of dreams.



Linda Stark, *Five Finger Fire*, 1995, oil on panel, 14 x 10-1/2 x 3