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# Fourteen Must-See Museum Exhibitions to Check Out in New England This Summer

From the MFA to Ogunquit, these are the museum shows our editors are most excited about this summer.

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Installation view, "Anthony Cudahy: Spinneret," Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, ME, 2024. Photo courtesy of Ogunquit Museum of American Art.

Each summer, the *BAR* editors look a little farther afield to find the exhibitions that must make the summer "to-do" list. This year, with too many excellent shows dotting New England, we're splitting the list in two with separate recommendations for museum and gallery shows.

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Michael Thorpe, *camp atwood*, 2021. Fabric, thread, and quilting cotton, 81.5" x 63". Collection of Jonathan Bush and Fay Rotenberg. Courtesy of Fuller Craft Museum.

**"Michael C. Thorpe: Homeowners Insurance," June 8–December 1, 2024**

Fuller Craft Museum  
455 Oak St., Brockton

Michael C. Thorpe was on the path to become a basketball star before shifting his focus while at Emerson College to focus on film and fine art. Now, at thirty-one, the New York-based artist is having his second solo museum exhibition featuring his quilted masterpieces at the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton. Thorpe grew up around quilting, but his work is anything but traditional. He uses bold colors, textures, and stitching patterns to create abstract representations of everyday scenes from dance floors to portraits of political figures. Thorpe's pieces are altogether familiar, abstract, and referential—if only we could crawl inside his quilted world.

—Jameson Johnson