



## 5 Artsy Things to Do

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**1. Kinky video art for V-Day** Some of the smarter video artists working right now will be featured in the Hammer's Valentine's Day screening event, "Dirty Looks: Long-Distance Love Affairs," part of a roaming, New York-based screening series. There's Mariah Garnett, who once impersonated self-obsessed porn star Peter Berlin ("You look just like me," Berlin said when he saw the film of her as him), and Rhys Earnest, whose *Secret Men's Club* series turns banal office encounters sinister. Then there are artists no longer working, like Charles Ludlam, who died in 1987 but founded the Ridiculous Theater Company and wrote the ever-popular *The Mystery of Irma Vep*. If the artists on the program pull through, "Dirty Looks" should explore obsession and affection in a way that starts out kinky but ends up gapingly honest. *10899 Wilshire Blvd.; Tues., Feb. 14, 8 p.m.; free. (310) 443-7000, [hammer.ucla.edu](http://hammer.ucla.edu).*