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# Philip Taaffe, "Recent Work"

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Courtesy Luhring Augustine

Philip Taaffe, Harlequin Screen, 2012

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## Time Out says

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For more than 25 years, Philip Taaffe has been creating paintings in which referential images—borrowed from various cultural and scientific sources that pique his curiosity—are layered together with invented motifs. Taaffe takes an almost fetishistic delight in the wide-ranging techniques, conjuring dense compositions with riveting, mysterious effects.

His debut show with Luhring Augustine features works from the past three years. *Earth Star 1* lays a series of white, abstracted shapes over a colorful backdrop made from repeated photos of Viking jewelry. *Nymphaeum* blends together pictures of plankton, seaweed and other undersea plant life, using silk screen and collage. *Illuminated Constellation* combines a pattern of starbursts with another one resembling an ancient mosaic, while

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in *Scribe*, feathery spokes of radiating quill pens seem to spin in place, suggesting a medieval manuscript page filtered through a trippy Op Art prism.

Similarly, *Thorn Heads* mashes together Expressionist passages of paint and silhouetted images of Roman nails to evoke the Passion of Christ, while the imprint of a carved wooden Buddhist halo is stamped across *Asuka Nimbus*, a grid of monotypes made to benefit Visual AIDS. Taaffe's latest outing offers further proof, as if any were needed, of his ability to boil down disparate interests into singularly compelling works of art.—*Paul Laster*

## Venue details

[MAP](#)

**Name:** [Luhring Augustine](#)

**Address:** 531 W 24th St  
Chelsea  
New York

**Cross Street:** between Tenth and Eleventh Aves

**Phone:** 212-206-9100

**Website:** [luhringaugustine.com](#)

**Opening hours:** Tue–Sat 10am–6pm

**Transport:** Subway: C, E to 23rd St

**Event phone:** 212-206-9100

**Event website:** [luhringaugustine.com](#)

**Categories:** Art. Painting

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