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Installation view UGO RONDINONE Seven Magic Mountains Las Vegas, Nevada, 2016 Photo: Gianfranco Gorgoni

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UGO RONDINONE'S SEVEN MAGIC MOUNTAINS

The bleached-out hues of the Ivanpah Valley, a stretch of desert ten miles south of Las Vegas, are a fitting canvas for Seven Magic Mountains, a large-scale public art installation by acclaimed Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone. These seven stacked boulders, which jut out of the Mojave like a series of totems rendered by a celestial set of highlighters (Barbie pinks, sunset oranges and royal blues doing a number on your senses), mark out the stark and searing landscape with human presence and signal the desert's legacy as a harbinger of mysticism and creativity through time. Conceived by the Art Production Fund and the Nevada Museum of Art, Seven Magic Mountains is one of the most ambitious land art projects ever realised in the US. It will be on view for a two-year period, until May 2018.

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