

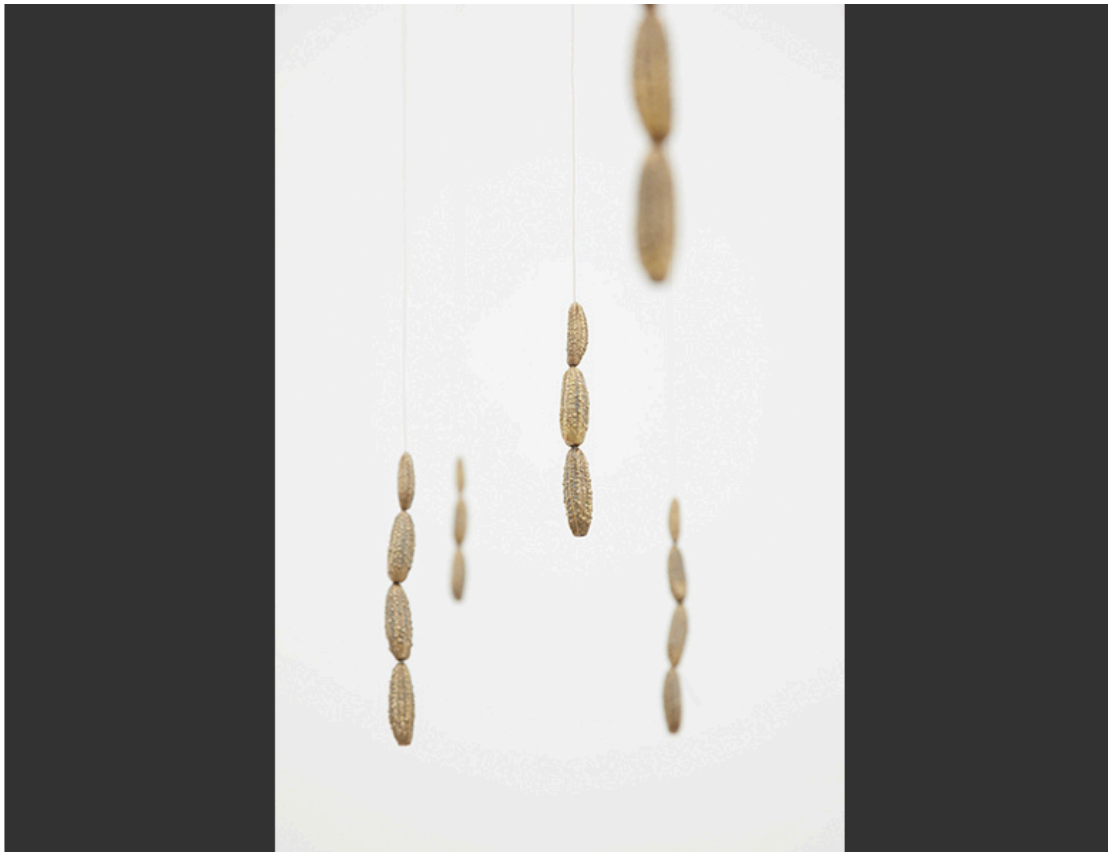
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## Exhibitionist: Becky Beasley, Omer Fast, Wu Chi-Tsung - this week's art shows in pictures

Bronze gherkins in Leeds to Freudian attractions in Blackpool – Skye Sherwin and Robert Clark find out what's happening in art around the country

Robert Clark & Skye Sherwin

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Becky Beasley: *Spring Rain*

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The title of this exhibition, *Spring Rain*, is taken from a short story by the American writer Bernard Malamud. It's a deceptively simple tale that subtly touches on the vagaries and ambiguities of attempted communications between close friends and relations. Beasley takes this as a starting point and uses sculptures and photographs to try to inhabit the distance between what is said and what is intended. There's a mobile cascade of tiny gherkins cast in bronze and a series of hand-tinted photographs of cucumbers presented like visceral graffiti. It's all thoroughly tactile and touching stuff, quite capable of catalysing all manner of private – and maybe primal – instincts.

*Leeds Art Gallery, to 22 Sep*

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