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Seven New Art Spaces to Visit in Manhattan

From a basement gallery to a repurposed legendary punk-rock nightclub, these new kids on the block have something for everyone.

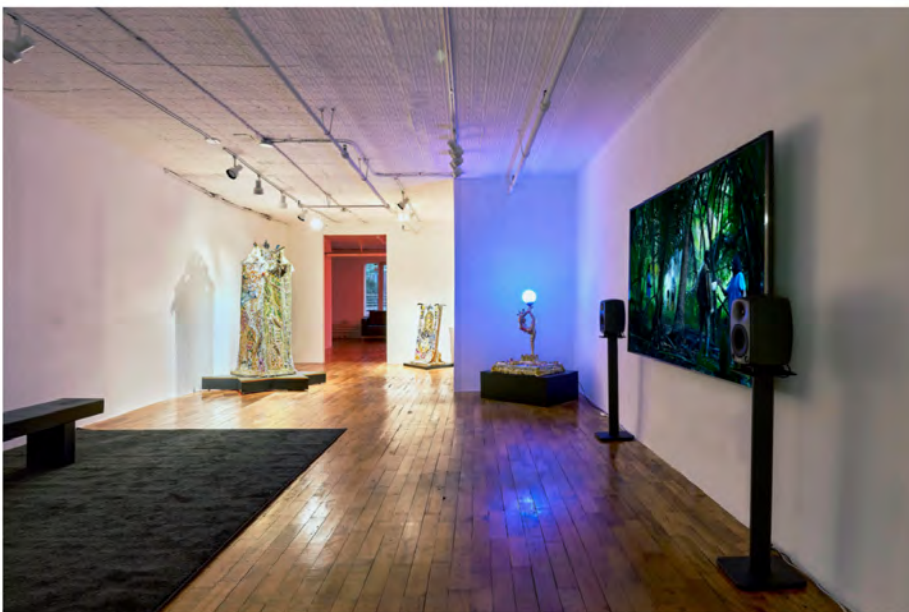


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Seen any good shows lately? I find myself asking this question to anyone who will listen in an attempt to narrow down the sheer number of exhibitions on view at any given time in New York. And with new art spaces cropping up all over the city, the task of deciding what's really worth two or three subway transfers isn't about to get any easier. Below, we rounded up seven art galleries and nonprofits — all in Manhattan, with other boroughs to come soon! — that opened in the last year or so, rising from the ashes after the pandemic brought the art world to a screeching halt. From cyborgs to felt reliefs to a contemporary art gallery in a historic East Village punk-rock nightclub, these new kids on the block have something for everyone.

Someday Gallery

There's no shortage of things to look at inside Someday Gallery, founded by Rosie Motley, which is about to celebrate its one-year anniversary. Steps from the Canal Street subway stop, the building's elevator opens straight into the third-floor gallery space, an un-renovated gem with old wood floors, a tin ceiling, and lots of visible pipes and wiring. On view is artist Oba's stunning *Nosferasta*, for which the artist has created intricate mixed-media sculptures that evoke art historical religious imagery (plus a *Mona Lisa*) with small objects



View of *Nosferasta* exhibition (photo courtesy the artists and Someday, New York)

and coats of glitter. The show also includes a loop of Oba's 2021 narrative feature *Nosferasta: First Bite*, made in collaboration with filmmakers Adam Khalil and Bayley Sweitzer. The film recounts Oba's fictional origin story as a Rastafarian vampire who was bitten by Christopher Columbus and helped him spread the scourge of colonialism throughout the "new world." — EV