

NYC Gallery Shows to Know – Summer Highlights for August 2017

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It's no secret New York City gallery scene takes a breather each August. Many galleries close or have reduced summer hours as attention begins to turn, behind the scenes, toward September and the opening of New York City's new art season. While there are galleries that phone it in (so to speak), we've put together a list of New York City gallery shows that are worth the exploration.

Shows in Chelsea, Downtown, Brooklyn and Queens galleries highlight artists pushing the boundaries with art that deals with urban displacement through sculpture and installations, preserving marginalized culture and the processes of painting and art making, creating identity for those who cannot, and creating conceptual art about contemporary communication.

Following are our picks for summer gallery shows in August in New York City. Can't drag yourself away from the beach just yet? Don't worry. Many of the shows run into the fall.

DOWNTOWN

Uterior: "LESXFR vol.1"

August 4 through 6 and August 11 through 13, 2017

Screening Reception with XFR Collective: Friday, August 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.

In collaboration with XFR Collective, Uterior Gallery will present "LESXFR vol. 1," a screening of eight videos that have been transferred to digital format from archival footage shot on the Lower East Side and in downtown New York from the 1970s through the 1990s.

XFR Collective (pronounced "transfer collective"), a non-profit organization aimed at helping preserve audiovisual media, helped transfer the archival footage, which captures moments of culture, art and politics. The videos include footage of drug busts, riots, and poetry readings, as well as performance art, interviews and more. The exhibition features the work of Jim C., Andrea Callard, Franck Goldberg, Dov Jacobson, Joan Jubela, Mindy Stevenson, Minoru Yoshida and the Education Video Center's footage of students from Forsyth Satellite Academy.

Uterior is located at 172 Attorney St, New York, NY 10002. Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. and by appointment. www.ulteriorgallery.com.



"Video still from Fragments of a Self Portrait #1" by Andrea Callard, 1972. Courtesy of XFR Collective, New York and Uterior Gallery, New York.