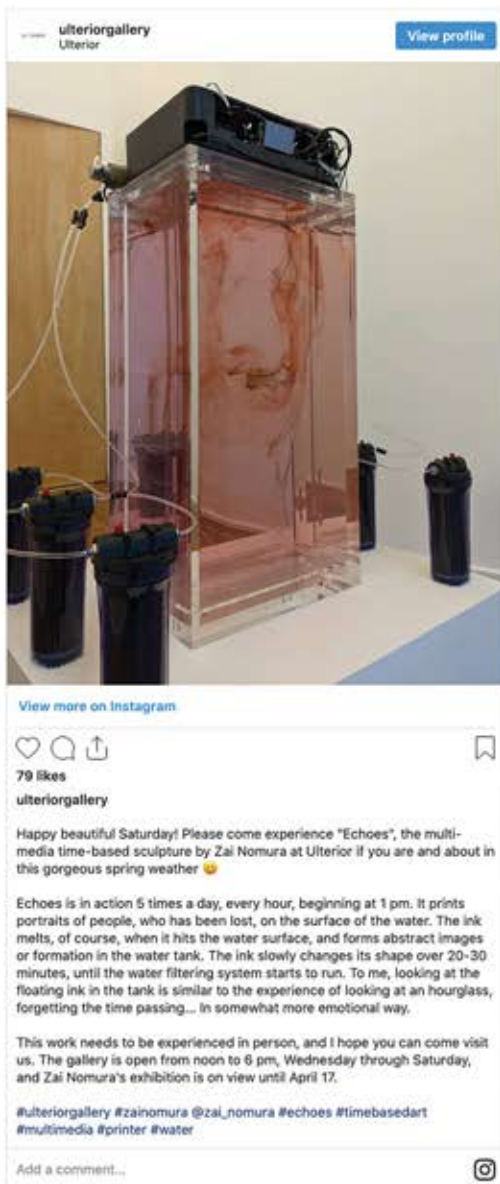


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'Group Sex' at Ed. Varie's New Gallery and 4 More LES Art Shows to See

The COVID era has familiarized us with two unwelcome feelings: anxiety and monotony. A good art show, like dinner with friends, has the power to dispel both. Luckily, around the Lower East Side this April, gallerists have slated a number of wonderfully ambitious and provocative exhibitions, guaranteed to invigorate even the most sluggish-feeling New Yorker. The shows listed below require no appointment, are free to attend, and present a great opportunity to witness springtime bloom across the city. Just don't forget to bring a mask.



"Echoes" at Ulterior Gallery

The Show: Each hour, beginning at 1pm, artist Zai Nomura's multimedia sculpture, *Echoes*, whirrs to life, printing a portrait onto the surface of a tall container of water that wavers and dissipates in about 30 minutes. It's the centerpiece of his first solo exhibition, which engages with themes of loss, rebirth, and ephemerality.

The Gallery: Ulterior, located at 172 Attorney Street, is a small hole-in-the-wall space, recently established by Japanese gallerist Takako Tanabe. It features international contemporary and early-career artists.

When to go: "Echoes" runs until April 17. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 12-6pm.