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**Eleventh Aves (212-627-8000). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.**

"In Dialogue." Bleach-splattered canvases by Berlin painter **Anja Schwörer** complement spray-painted works by London artist **Luke Dowd** in this show of occultish geometric compositions suggesting alchemy or energy vibration. Through Aug 17.

#### Julie Saul Gallery

535 W 22nd St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves (212-627-2410). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

\* **Morton Bartlett**, "The Sweethearts of Mr. Bartlett." Self-taught artist Bartlett would create 1/2-life size dolls (about one per year) out of clay, each anatomically perfect and dressed in meticulously hand-sewn clothes. On view are photographs, sculptures and drawings related to this project. Through Aug 17.

#### Sikkema Jenkins & Co

530 W 22nd St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves (212-929-2262). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

"Group Exhibition." A rotating show of photographs, videos and collages by gallery artists (including **Vik Muniz**, **Arturo Herrera**, 4 and others). Through Aug 18.

#### Silverstein Photography

535 W 24th St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves (212-627-3930). Mon-Fri 11am-6pm.

"First Contact: A Photographer's Sketchbook." This show of well-known photographs, displayed alongside the contact sheets used in their making, sheds light on the thought processes of famous Magnum photographers. Included are works by **Richard Avedon**, **Man Ray**, **Diane Arbus**, and Magnum photographers **Paul Fusco** and **Alex Webb**. Through Fri 3.

#### Margaret Thatcher Projects

511 W 25th St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves, suite 404 (212-675-0222). Tue-Fri 11am-6pm.

"Chill." In this group show, **William Betts** paints pixelated highways using surveillance software, while **Magali Nougarede** plucks details (cat hair on a suit, for example) from everyday life, and spotlights them in photographs. Through Aug 10.

#### Leslie Tonkonow

535 W 22nd St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves, sixth floor (212-255-8450). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

**Peter Campus**, "Agenesis." Still scenes of calm water or an abandoned gas station get interrupted by subtle movements (the reflection of a car passing) in these color-saturated videos. Through Fri 3.

#### Wallspace

619 W 27th St between Eleventh and Twelfth Aves (212-594-9478). Tue-Fri 11am-6pm.

"Laying Bricks." Organized by Michael Ned Holte, this show gathers artists **Richard Aldrich**, **Nathan Hylden**, **Alice Kőniz** and **Michael Wilkinson** under a title with both architectural and obscene connotations. Through Aug 11.

#### Tracy Williams, Ltd

313 W 4th St between Bank and 12th Sts (212-229-2757). Mon-Fri 11am-6pm.

\* "In the Belly of the Whale." Patrick Callery gathers dark and theatrical works by **Suzanne Bocanegra**, **Lucky DeBellvue** and others for this group exhibition. Through Fri 3.

#### David Zwirner

525 W 19th St between Tenth and Eleventh Aves (212-727-2070). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

\* **"A Point in Space is a Place for an Argument."** Borrowing inspiration (and the show's title) from Ludwig Wittgenstein's seminal text *Tractatus*

*Logico-Philosophicus*, works by 30 artists (all made over the past half-century) examine the object in space. Through Aug 10.

#### Soho

Subways: A, C, E to Canal St; C, E to Spring St; B, D, F, V to Broadway-Lafayette St; R, W to Prince St; J, M, Z, N, Q, R, W to Canal St; 6 to Bleecker, Spring, Canal Sts; 1 to Canal, Houston Sts.

#### apexart

291 Church St between Walker and White Sts (212-431-5270). Tue-Sat 11am-6pm.

"The Most Curatorial Biennial of the Universe." With strength in numbers, apexart's biennial could beat up most other biennials: On view are more than 1,000 artworks, submitted by an array of curators. Every piece is up for auction (each starting at \$10) and all proceeds go to the Robin Hood Foundation. Through Aug 11.

#### Deitch Projects

76 Grand St between Greene and Wooster Sts (212-343-7300). Tue-Sat noon-6pm.

\* **Jim Isermann**, "Vinyl Smash-Up, 1999-2007." Isermann's installation of vinyl decals (made over the past decade) blanket the gallery walls with brightly colored, illusionistic patterns. Through Sat 4.

#### David Nolan Gallery

560 Broadway between Prince and Spring Sts, sixth floor (212-925-6190). Tue-Fri 10am-6pm.

"Summer Group Show." An eclectic arrangement of works by American Pop Artist **Richard Artschwager**, New York-based painter **Steve DiBeneditto**, Swiss mixed-media artist **Dieter Roth** and others. Through Aug 24.

#### Team Gallery

83 Grand St between Greene and Wooster Sts (212-279-9219). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.

\* **Banks Violette**. An arrangement of installations (collaborations between Violette and musician Stephen O'Malley) held in conjunction with an exhibition at Gladstone Gallery (see also Chelsea). Through Aug 17.

#### Lower East Side/East Village

##### Envoy

131 Christie St between Broome and Delancey Sts (212-226-4555). Subway: B, D to Grand St; J, M, Z to Bowery. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm.

**Christoph Broich**. Hanging, fabric-and-latex head sculptures and an installation of eerie, emotionless mannequins. Through Sat 4.

##### Thierry Goldberg Projects

5 Rivington St between Bowery and Chrystie St (212-967-2260). Subway: B, D to Grand St; F, V to Lower East Side-Second Ave; J, M, Z to Bowery. Tue-Sat 11am-6pm.

"No Melody Harder." Borrowing its title from Gertrude Stein's classic book *Tender Buttons*, this show presents paintings by artists **Allison Katz** and **Jessica Williams**, who—like Stein—present the familiar using an unusual personal syntax. Thu 2-Sept 1.

#### Brooklyn

##### Brooklyn Fire Proof

101 Richardson St at Leonard St, Williamsburg (718-302-4702). Subway: L to Lorimer St, G to Metropolitan Ave. Fri-Sun noon-6pm.

"The Bees: Something Swarming Something." A group show of female artists including **Lauren Beck**, **Sophia Dixon** and **Christy Gast**. Through Aug 12.

#### Cinders Gallery

103 Havemeyer St between Grand and Hope Sts, Williamsburg (718-388-2311). Subway: L to Lorimer St, G to Metropolitan Ave. Wed-Fri 2-9pm; Sat noon-8pm; Sun noon-7pm.

"The Porch Show." Instead of shuttering out the shadows of luxury condos creeping over the Williamsburg landscape, Cinders opens its doors wide, inviting neighbors to hang out in solidarity at this show of work by local artists, **Suzanne Sattler**, **Amanda Barr** and **Richard Colman** among them. Through Sun 6.

#### Jack the Pelican Presents

487 Driggs Ave between North 9th and 10th Sts, Williamsburg (718-782-0183). Subway: L to Bedford Ave. Mon, Thu-Sun noon-6pm.

**Matthew Porter**, "Somerset County." Color photos (of sun-kissed cliffs and hill-jumping cars) that paint a nostalgic portrait of a more freewheeling middle America. Through Aug 25.

#### Elsewhere

##### Broadway 1602

1182 Broadway between 28th and 29th Sts, suite 1602 (212-481-0362). Subway: R, W to 28th St. Wed-Fri 2-7pm.

\* **Babette Mangolte**, "Spaces to See, Stories to Tell." Photographs of Yvonne Rainer and other performance artists of the 1970s. Through Sept 2.

##### Exit Art

475 Tenth Ave at 36th St (212-966-7745). Subway: A, C, E, 1, 2, 3 to 34th St-Penn Station. Tue-Thu 10am-6pm; Fri 10am-8pm; Sat noon-8pm.

"Sultana's Dream." Curated by Jaishri Abichandai, founder of South Asian Women's Creative Collective, this assembly of collaborative works by well-known artists (like **Chitra Ganesh** and **Shahzia Sikander**), plus lesser-known individuals of Indian, Pakistani and Iranian descent, celebrates the innate potential of women's collective action. Sat 4-Sept 1.

##### Fisher Landau Center for Art

38-27 30th St between 38th and 39th Aves, Long Island City, Queens (718-937-0727). Subway: N, W to 39th Ave. Mon, Thu-Sun noon-5pm.

"Paper." A two-floor exhibit of more than 200 works by artists **Kara Walker**, **Agnes Martin**, **Ed Ruscha** and others. "Painting and Sculpture." Curator Bill Katz arranges works by **Carl Andre**, **Willem de Kooning**, and **Kiki Smith**.

##### The Horticultural Society of New York

148 W 37th St between Sixth and Seventh Aves, 13th floor (212-757-0915). Subway: B, D, F, V, N, Q, R, W to 34th St-Herald Sq; 1, 2, 3 to 34th St-Penn Station. Mon-Thu 11am-6pm; Fri 11am-5pm.

**Peter Coffin**, *Tree Pants*. Nine photographs survey the seasons of Coffin's satirical *Tree Pants* installation: a site-specific work (produced in conjunction with Levi's) involving jeans-wearing trees in a Swedish sculpture park. Through Sept 7.

##### Socrates Sculpture Park

32-01 Vernon Blvd at Broadway, Astoria, Queens (718-956-1819, [socratesculpturepark.org](http://socratesculpturepark.org)). Subway: N, W to Broadway, then walk eight blocks to the East River. 10am-sunset daily.

**Takashi Horisaki**, "Social Dress New Orleans—730 Days After." The sculptor and performance artist unveils an outdoor installation juxtaposing the actual NYC skyline (visible from Socrates Sculpture Park) with a full-scale replica of a Katrina-demolished New Orleans home. Through Oct 28.

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