



# Check out the best group exhibitions at galleries this summer

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It's summer in the art world, which can only mean one thing, besides weekends in the Hamptons—group shows of artists! Galleries all over town from Chelsea and Uptown to the Lower East Side and Brooklyn are mounting exhibits that are usually thematic in nature, mainly as a way of tying disparate works of art together. Sometimes the shows are organized by outside curators and sometimes by the galleries themselves. Whatever the case, they offer an opportunity to take in multiple artistic sensibilities in one shot. Granted, there are a lot of shows out there this summer, but to help you choose, we offer our pick of the best.

## “Dirge”

References to pop culture and incidents from history (many of them unhappy) inform this exhibit that combines lively works with a downbeat show title. On view are paintings, sculptures and ceramic objects, including Sam McKinniss's portrait of Laura Dern as Ellie Sattler awaiting the terror to come in in *Jurassic Park*; Liz Craft's tile-plaque depictions of mushrooms memorializing the counterculture; and William Hawkins's signboard vision of the Loch Ness Monster.



Sam McKinniss *Ellie Sattler*, 2017  
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