

9 Art Events to Attend in New York City This Week

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Naufus Ramírez-Figueroa, *Life in His Mouth, Death Cradles Her Arm* (still), 2016, single-channel video. COURTESY THE ARTIST; MENDES WOOD DM; PROYECTOS ULTRAVIOLETA, GUATEMALA CITY; AND SIES + HÖKE, DUSSELDORF

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Opening: Hugh Steers at Alexander Gray Associates

Hugh Steers is best known for his figurative compositions of intimate domestic scenes that address the impact of AIDS. The artist once described his work as "gorgeous bleakness," noting its uncanny balance of happiness, loneliness, and anguish. "The Nullities of Life," a new show of Steer's work in Chelsea, takes its title from a New York Times review of a Vincent van Gogh biography that Steers felt encapsulated his paintings' raison d'être. Steers himself died of AIDS-related causes at age 32, and this exhibition showcases his equally tender, disquieting, and personal works from the late 1980s and early 1990s. Alexander Gray Associates, 510 West 26th Street, 6–8 p.m.