

8 Gallery Shows Not to Miss During the First-Ever New York Art Week, From Ellsworth Kelly's Collages to Nari Ward's Ode to Morandi

Here are some top exhibitions to check out around town.

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There will be a lot to see in New York. (Photo by Cate Gillon/Getty Images)

Following in the footsteps of successful city-wide art events in London and Berlin, the debut New York Art Week opens for the first time this week, and it's going to an absolute extravaganza.

Twenty organizations are part of the initiative, including Christie's, Creative Time, the Independent Art Fair, and the Met, and each will plan its own programming. Alongside their events and exhibitions, galleries around New York, from Chelsea to the Bowery, will stage shows too. Here are a few highlights to put on your agenda.

“Lorraine O’Grady: Body Is the Ground of My Experience”

Alexander Gray Associates

Through June 11



Lorraine O’Grady, *Dracula and the Artist*, (1991/2019). Courtesy Alexander Gray Associates, New York © 2022 Lorraine O’Grady / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

The works in Lorraine O’Grady’s groundbreaking series “Body Is the Ground of My Experience,” presented at her first-ever New York solo show in 1991 at INTAR Gallery, have been brought together for the first time in 30 years for this show at Alexander Gray. When the series, which draws heavily on O’Grady’s interest in Surrealism, was first presented, it was intended as a shot across the bow of the formalism of Postmodern photography, and instead centered on the Black body as “a literal ground on which history acts and is unexpectedly modified,” according to the gallery.