

5 HOT SHOWS THAT JUST OPENED IN NYC



Snow didn't stick all winter in NYC but at least the city finally saw some — twice this past week, seasonal relief punctuated by spring days between. Though hardly suppressed, the new season is breaking through like sprouts from thawed soil. With it, a new crop in the cycle of gallery exhibitions. Enlivened by flurries, Vittoria Benzine made it out to a string of openings — and assembled these five new shows on view to see. Each comes with a concise review to help decide whether it's for you.

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Blake Hiltunen: SPECTER at Kapow Gallery



Installation view. Courtesy of Kapow Gallery.

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Brooklyn-based sculptor Blake Hiltunen marks his debut at Kapow gallery with shattered mirrors and cherubim – putti, if we're getting technical – all rendered in ranging hues and finishes, bronze at all their bases, sometimes nickel plated or combined with plaster. Given the nature of mirrors there's no right way to see these, it's a 'you had to be there' situation. Except maybe for the black mirror, one of many aesthetic marvels amongst this show. Even though they're shattered and corroding, shininess persists. You will accidentally catch your reflection. So, what does that mean? **Through March 25.**

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