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5 Must-See Art Shows This Winter

Whether they touch on the current political climate or reintroduce us to a celebrated '70s comic strip, you don't want to miss these five NYC gallery shows.

[Jim Torok: "The New Age of Uncertainty"](#)

Pierogi

155 Suffolk Street

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Making reference to the age of uncertainty, the period of economic and social instability between the First and Second World Wars, "The New Age of Uncertainty," an exhibition of paintings by Brooklyn artist Jim Torok, captures the anxieties of our current era. Paintings emblazoned with phrases such as "I Am Not Afraid" and "Do Not Panic" —as well as a comic strip titled "It Should Have Been Bernie" —seize on the fear that many people have felt in recent months after the election of the first-ever reality television star to the office of president. A series of portraits also included in the exhibition, which features Torok's friends and acquaintances, serves as an antidote to that fear. Varied in gender, race, and age, these individuals exude a sense of goodness; they are solid reminders that hope remains if only because faces such as these are taking the world so seriously and doing so with such dignity.



Photographs by Alan Weiner, Courtesy Jim Torok and Pierogi

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