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Skip the Beach for These Hamptons Summer Art Shows

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You may have noticed the summer calendar is a little more robust than usual. While there's been an established art scene in the Hamptons for ages, and a handful of galleries dutifully keeping the pace, a new crop of dealers is bolstering the art scene even further. The names are familiar—David Lewis, Hauser & Wirth—but the addresses are not. And what's more, these galleries are in it for the long haul, not just for the summer season. In between beach barbecues, surf breaks and strolls down Main Street, you might want to pencil in a little more gallery time. Here, we've rounded up a few shows that should not be missed across the East End.



Tomás Esson, *Vortice*, 2019. Photography courtesy of the artist and David Lewis Gallery.

Tomás Esson

David Lewis, East Hampton

July 16 to August 7

David Lewis Gallery—which first opened its East Hampton space earlier this summer—is presenting a suite of works from Cuban-born painter Tomás Esson. Esson, whose first-ever solo exhibition was closed and censored by Cuban authorities after it opened in Havana in 1988, is known for work that toggles between the playful and the grotesque, settling in an energetic, uncanny middle ground. Here, the gallery is presenting paintings from one of Esson’s new bodies of work, as well as a site-specific “Wet Wall” drawing in black and white.