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Don't Wait Till The Weekend To Scope Out This Unique Art Exhibition

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While we've been known to squeeze in a sample sale instead of having lunch, and you'll never have to twist our arm to go to a concert, hitting up art shows is something we usually leave for the weekend. After all, we love wandering around a chic gallery with a glass of wine and a few good friends, and it's not always easy to do that when you have to get up at 8 a.m. (okay, 6 a.m.) the next day. But, we've just found an exception to the rule: Artist Tom Burr is opening up a new exhibition at the Bortolami Gallery, featuring thought-provoking installations exploring the ideas of sexual identity and human existence. Although at first glance his works seem sparse — often simple objects on plywood pedestals or pieces of clothing strewn around wooden structures, closer examinations reveal insights into human desire and belonging that sometimes hit too closet to home. The exhibit opens up this Wednesday, and we're thinking this one is definitely worth a weekday night excursion.

When: Show opens Wednesday, March 7, and lasts through Thursday, April 26.

Where: Bortolami Gallery, 520 West 20th Street (between 10th and 11th avenues); 212-727-2050.



Photo: Tom Burr, *Untitled Pink Piece*, 2012, Wool blanket and upholstery tacks on plywood, 72 x 72 x 3 inches, Courtesy of the artist and Bortolami Gallery