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Despite New Normal, Downtown New York Galleries Open Fall Programming



An installation view of Renée Green's *Excerpts*, (2020). Courtesy the artist and Bortolami, New York. Photography by Kristian Laudrup.

Mandatory masks. Hand sanitizer. By appointment only. Staggered openings. La rentrée isn't the frenzy New Yorkers are used to, but September openings in the art world's capital are far from stagnant. The city's galleries have returned with an ambitious roster that would stand out any Fall, but in this year's state of limbo presents a decided sense of optimism and post-lockdown renewal - indeed, the season will go on. From Chelsea to Tribeca to the Lower East Side, here are six Fall exhibitions to see now.

Bortolami, Renée Green
"Excerpts"
(through October 31)

Tribeca is the fastest-growing art neighborhood in the city. Relatively speaking, Bortolami has been a mainstay with a steady slate of impressive exhibitions by the likes of Tom Burr and Daniel Buren, as well as newcomers such as Rebecca Morris. Included in her first Bortolami show, "Excerpts," is a chance to see Green's recent Space Poems, which have been shown all over the world, and are composed of textile banners strung across the ceiling and silk screens hanging along the gallery's walls. Invoking the words of May Swenson and Laura Riding Jackson, the Space Poems test the bounds of text-based art and the concept of color by creating an experience as much lyrical as it is spatial.