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Editors' Picks: 21 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week



“Holly Village” at Bodega

A strange and delightful press release accompanies “Holly Village,” a group show opening Friday at Bodega, on the Lower East Side. Instead of the normal abstract artspeak, curator James Michael Shaeffer describes, at great length, the series of unlikely events that led him to put together the show—starting with a chance encounter with artists at, of all places, a sports bar in the East Village where he was watching an NBA Finals game. “Unwittingly, this sports bar had managed to attract a gaggle of MFAs,” he writes. From there, Shaeffer describes how he chose works by Whitney Clafflin, Trisha Baga, Greg Parma Smith, and Lutz Bacher, among others for the stacked group show, and in a meta note, he also describes the process behind the press release itself. The first set of eyes to read it was his mother.

Location: Bodega, 167 Rivington Street

Price: Free

Time: Opening reception, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.; Wednesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

—Nate Freeman