

## **OBSERVER**

## GALLERIES GET IT RIGHT: NYC'S NOT-TO-MISS SPRING EXHIBITIONS

ARE ALL FEMALE SOLOS



There's a veritable surplus of art to see in New York as Armory Week gets underway, bringing nearly a dozen art and design fairs—and all their related events and parties—to the already art-packed island of Manhattan. But there's no need to brave the frenzied fairs to see some of the freshest work out there. We've scouted the fiercest gallery shows on view this week that you can visit, no VIP pass or entry fee required. This year, it seems that New York City galleries have largely chosen to put solo shows by women front and center during Armory week—arguably their most important exhibition dates of the year. Changes in the wind, perhaps?

Anja Niemi at Steven Kasher Gallery

March 1 - April 14

For her first U.S. solo show, Norwegian photographer Anja Niemi explores the mythic American West. Her latest series of images, "She Could Have Been a Cowboy," features an anonymous blonde woman decked out in retro western wear, alone save her horse and a map as she braves and arid expanse of land that once beckoned with promises of a manifestly better destiny.