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Eight New Art Spaces to Visit in Brooklyn

From a Williamsburg basement to a Bed-Stuy living room and a project space in Gowanus, there's no shortage of art to discover in the borough.

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Installation view of Kiah Celeste's 2022 exhibition The Right Side Down at Swivel Gallery (photo courtesy the gallery)

A new year is here, and I don't know about you, but I'm trying to ride high on that fresh-page-of-the-calendar feeling for as long as I can. And what better way to appreciate the blank canvas of 2023 than spending a day visiting new (and new-ish) art spaces in Brooklyn? In our roundup below, we highlight galleries, nonprofits, and project rooms in the borough. Many of these opened their doors to the public in the last year or two; others have been around for longer but recently moved to the neighborhood or debuted additional locations. They all have something different to offer and are living proof of Brooklyn's thriving, ever-changing art community. Happy gallery-hopping! — Valentina Di Liscia

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"B" Dry Goods



The Masks We Wear at "B" Dry Goods Gallery (photo Elaine Velie/Hyperallergic)

In December, Gabe Boyers opened his gallery "B" Dry Goods on the same Crown Heights block where his family operated a storefront from 1920 to 1969. Boyers's background, and "back-of-the-house-business," is in rare books and manuscripts, but the current exhibition, The Masks We Wear, features mediums ranging from painting to sculpture. The show, on view through February 23, has the feel of an expertly curated museum exhibition. Some works are by living artists, some are a few hundred years old, but all feature people wearing face coverings. Boyers said the idea originated with the COVID-19 pandemic mask. "It became such a feature of our existence to look at each other and not see the whole picture," Boyers said. "And how that transforms how you see people and how you look at the world and know that's how people see you." — EV

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