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## Your Concise New York Art Guide for January 2021

*Your list of must-see, fun, insightful, and very New York art events this month.*

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New year, new energy, right? Regardless of how many resolutions you've managed to stick to (or have perhaps wisely given yourself a break on), finding more ways to immerse yourself in art is always a worthy goal. This month, we highlight 10 more exhibitions to break up those gloomy wintery days, including plenty of vivid abstraction, sharp photography, and various smartly curated group shows, many of which are available online or by appointment.



Emily Mason, "Untitled ('Vermont')" (1985), oil on canvas, 52 x 52 inches (© Artist Rights Society [ARS], image courtesy the Emily Mason and Alice Trumbull Mason Foundation and Miles McEnery Gallery)



Emily Mason, "In Dormant Nature" (1984 – 1985), oil on canvas, 44 x 42 inches (© Artist Rights Society [ARS], image courtesy the Emily Mason and Alice Trumbull Mason Foundation and Miles McEnery Gallery)

### *Emily Mason: Chelsea Paintings*

**When:** through February 13

**Where:** Miles McEnery Gallery (520 West 21st Street, Chelsea, Manhattan)

Known for her vibrant abstractions, painter Emily Mason would toil endlessly in her Chelsea studio, relying upon the solace and plentiful natural light to crank out expressive canvases. This airy environ became her “tuning fork,” where she would go to make or finish many of her most exciting works. Luckily for us, Miles McEnery Gallery is now presenting 22 of them, right in the same neighborhood where they were made.. In the 1960s and 70s she’d worked mostly on paper because “she could shuffle them away when the kids came home,” Rose explains. Once she had an entire floor to cover with works in progress, she could work on canvases in the 50 and 60-inches range. She could even work on ten of these at a time, letting the paint speak to her, as she liked to say.