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THE 10 NEW ART SHOWS TO SEE THIS WEEK

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The big event this week is the third edition of New Museum's [IDEAS CITY Festival](#), running from May 28th to the 30th in downtown New York City. This year's theme, "The invisible City," honors the 1972 book by the Italian writer Italo Calvino and "explores the future of cities with culture as a driving force." Hundreds of cultural and community groups will fill the area surrounding the museum on the Bowery with exhibitions, workshops, performances and panels. Some highlights: a 100-foot-long conversation table running down Rivington Street, a Mayan ball game tournament, a mini food festival by Hester Street Fair, hot-air balloon performances and a talk with architect Bjarke Ingels, whose incredible pyramid-shaped building on West 57th Street is nearing completion. The massive list of events is [HERE](#).



Aida Mahmudova

Aida Mahmudova opens her first solo show in the US, "Passing By...," on May 28th, 6 to 8 p.m., at [Leila Heller Gallery](#), (568 West 25th Street). The artist lives in Baku, Azerbaijan, and uses that country's natural surroundings as a backdrop, combining them with places "remembered and imagined." On view until July 3rd.