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5 Must-See Gallery Shows in New York: Isabel Legate, Jim Lambie, and More

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Installation view of Jim Lambie's "Train in Vein" at Anton Kern Gallery. (Courtesy the artist and Anton Kern Gallery, New York)

JIM LAMBIE at Anton Kern Gallery, through December 19 (532 West 20th Street)

A welcome pop of irreverence and color to counter the chill of fall, this Scottish artist's latest outing features potato-chip bags engorged with foam, paint-drenched books, and a model train jutting violently out of the wall, among other things. The chip bags are given a shiny, reflective veneer — purple, turquoise, and a silver that seems to consciously allude to Warhol's famous clouds. Another piece stitches bicycle inner tubes together into a hanging mobile that floats like a tangled molecule over a stack of primary-colored books, their titles and contents effaced by layers of pigment. A wall-mounted work — composed of nothing more than a rock and a cheap belt — shows that Lambie can, if need be, exercise a form of comparative restraint.