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12 Must-See Gallery Shows in New York This Fall

From art historical rediscoveries to emerging upstarts, here are some of the standout gallery shows on our radar.

The summer is over and the fall art season has officially kicked off in New York City. The cultural calendar is chock-full of art fairs, museum shows, and of course gallery exhibitions. There's something for everyone, from art historical rediscoveries to emerging talents, plus performances and works on offer in every conceivable medium. Read on for our picks of shows to see this week.

"Omar Ba: Promises and Glory" at Templon September 3-October 25, 2025



Omar Ba, Promises and Glory, (2025). Image Courtesy of Templon.

Omar Ba conjures fantastical worlds. Sometimes they're quite alarming. Trained in Senegal before continuing his studies in Geneva, Switzerland, Ba has long woven together African and European traditions, critiquing both with equal brio. In layered works of paint, pencil, pen, and Indian ink, faceless dictators loom over tanks and soldiers and Christianity melds with animism. America has now entered the mix. Following a 2020 residency at the International Studio and Curatorial Program, Ba now splits his time between New York and Dakar. At Templon Galerie he presents 30 new portraits that, though rooted in the city, wander across the Atlantic and back again.

Templon is located at 293 10th Avenue, New York, New York.

-Richard Whiddington