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5 Must-See Gallery Shows: Albert Oehlen, Zoe Barcza, and More

Julie Wachtel at Elizabeth Dee, through June 27 (545 West 20th Street)

The artist's show of new multi-panel, acrylic-and-silkscreen works is called "Empowerment," which is cheeky business considering it includes depictions of Hillary Clinton and Kim Jong-Un (the former mashed up with an image of a fertility statue; the latter with a wildly Gangnam Styling Psy). Everything is fair game for this omnivorously hungry painter — and I appreciate how free and intuitive she is with her juxtapositions, which can be comic, or disturbing, or a bit of both. "Why that with that?" she said, when I visited her a few months back in her Greenpoint studio, and inquired about a particularly odd pairing. "I can't tell you."

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