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EVENT HORIZON: ART HAPPENINGS AROUND NEW YORK

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## 9 ART EVENTS TO ATTEND IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEK

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### **Opening: Ragna Bley at Hester**

The trope of abstract painting hinting at bodies is a tired one, but in Ragna Bley's work, it's a little more nuanced than that. Washed-out fields of color are usually pitted against off-white backgrounds, causing them to look like specimens under a microscope. Monumental in size and ambiguous in content, Bley's work evokes a combination of organic and inorganic matter. (In the past, this has been literal—one sculpture she did featured egg yolks on limestone.) For her first U.S. solo show, the young Oslo- and London-based artist will show just a few canvases, all of which are about eight feet tall. Though bigger than viewers (and Bley herself), they still feel grounded—you get the sense that a human really did make them. —*Alex Greenberger*

*Hester, 55-59 Chrystie Street, 12-6 p.m.*