

## 5 MUST-SEE SUMMER GROUP SHOWS IN NYC

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### “Synthetic Bodies” @ Lyles & King



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This intergenerational show of 20 artists including Paul Thek through Rachel Rossin explores the long legacy of humanity’s collective grappling with whether a body really sets our species apart — especially since we’re already living in the “age of the Cyborg,” where artificial medical apparatuses are a natural part of healthcare, and virtual spaces augment the reach of each consciousness. Futuristic sculpture, video, photography and intensely mixed-media painting all join forces exploring this tale across time. Some works in the show date back to the 1960s, but most were made these past few years, projecting new possibilities not only in artmaking, but the body itself. “At this critical junction in human history, one wonders – can the human body evolve to solve problems we have created?” asks a David Cronenberg quote at the release’s start. “Can the human body evolve a process to digest plastics and artificial materials not only as part of a solution to the climate crisis, but also, to grow, thrive, and survive?” Through August 12