

Will Heinrich, "Goings On About Town: Cosima von Bonin," *The New Yorker*, March 10, 2018.



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Cosima von Bonin

The German artist revisits her favorite theme—maritime absurdity. Plastic sharks and mackerels and soft-sculpture orcas are accessorized with sarongs, ukeleles, surf boards, and stuffed-gingham missiles. (A six-foot-wide aluminum cat-food can hovers overhead, puffing smoke.) Von Bonin pairs ready-made and custom-fabricated elements with the ease of a seasoned set designer, evoking boardwalk-restaurant décor, children's-theatre props, and fashion-runway provocations. Five monochrome wall pieces—off-the-bolt cotton stretched like paintings—lampoon pretensions of latter-day modernism while collapsing distinctions between art and craft. They also hew to the theme, with oblique references to Popeye the sailor.

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