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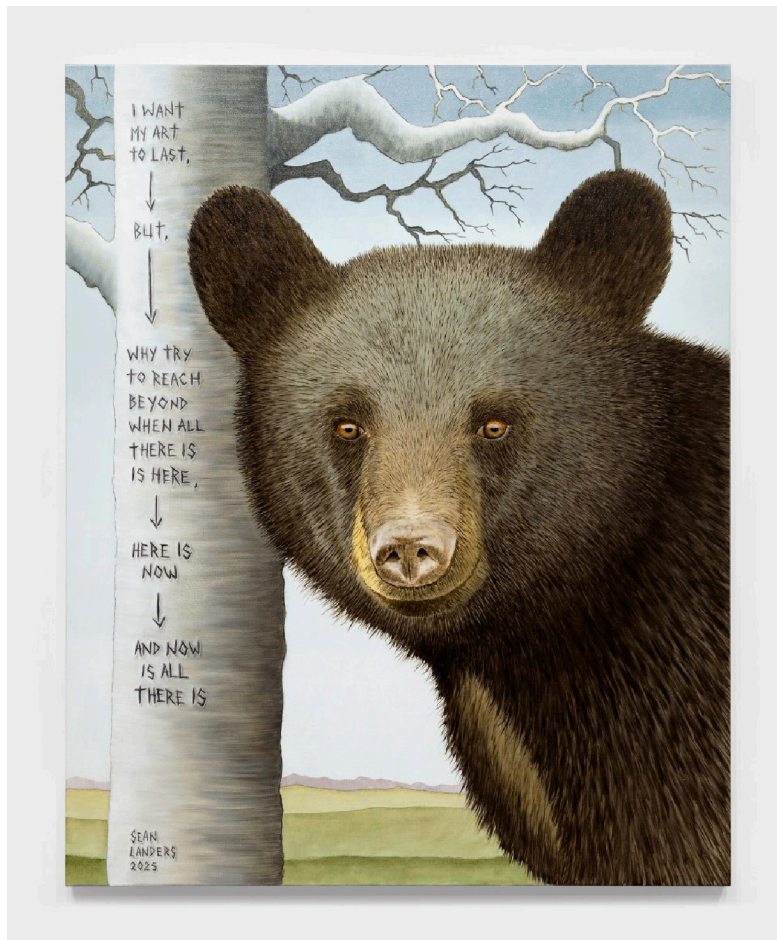
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### Here Are the 12 Must-See Gallery Exhibitions in New York This Spring

From cryptic creatures to cyanotype rituals—here’s what to see in the city this  
season.



Sean Landers, *Now*, 2025. Image courtesy of the artist and Petzel.

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## "Sean Landers"

**Where:** Petzel

**When:** April 17 – May 23

**Why It's Worth a Look:** Sean Landers fuses two long-running motifs—carved Aspen trees and watchful animal portraits—into a richly layered meditation on mortality. Drawing from the folk tradition of the arborglyph, Landers takes inspiration from 19th-century Basque shepherds who etched names, poems, and drawings into Aspen bark as a way to combat solitude. These inscriptions reappear as confessional markings on his painted trees, merging personal history with cultural myth.

**Know Before You Go:** Cryptic creatures return the viewer's gaze with eerie calm. Their eyes—uncannily human, both knowing and unreadable—turn each canvas into a quiet confrontation between animal and observer.

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