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## 10 Galleries to Visit on the Upper East Side

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*With female artists more visible than ever, here are five who have put their stamp on the current gallery moment. They work in studios from Sunnyside to Crown Heights to Paris, in paint, porcelain and pixels.*

### TILTON GALLERY

That's pretty much also true of the ceramic-based sculpture of the New Yorker [Simone Leigh](#) at [Tilton Gallery](#). A 2010-11 artist in residence at the Studio Museum in Harlem, she makes references to African art and African culture but keeps nudging the images in an abstract, design-intensive direction: Josephine Baker's banana skirt becomes a gilded porcelain chandelier or maybe a circlet of chimes; the steel hoops of a 19th-century skirt doubles as a domed village hut; female coiffures made of cowrie shells and rose petals are at once as natural and as sculptural as those photographed by the Nigerian artist [J. D. Okhai Ojeikere](#). In Ms. Leigh's work, organicism is an aesthetic category.