5 Must-See Gallery Shows in NYC This September

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Aneta Bartos, Zalew, 2015. Edition of 5 + 2 AP. Archival inkjet print, 30 x 30.65 in. Aneta Bartos and Postmasters

This past weekend, galleries across New York City threw open their doors, the smell of touch-up wall paint still fresh in the air, as the art world's fall season officially kicked off. While Kara Walker's seismic show at Sikkemma Jenkins & Co. may have had all the critics a-twitter before it even opened, we pounded the pavement to find a few other must-see September exhibitions.

Aneta Bartos at Postmasters September 8–October 14



Aneta Bartos, Lody, 2017. Edition of 5 + 2 APArchival inkjet print, 30 x 30.65 in. Aneta Bartos and Postmasters

Bartos started her "Family Portrait" photo series in 2015 but, like any family album, it only grows richer over the course of years—and images. The series explores memories of the father-daughter dynamic between the artist and her bodybuilder dad from when she was growing up with him in Poland. Beyond the sometimes jarring juxtaposition of both gender and parent roles inherent between Bartos and her dad, what shines through in these softly sepia tinted photos is a paternal steadfastness, embodied in Bartos's father's rock-solid abs and broad shoulders, that has supported the artist's vision over the course of decades.