

# Two years down: New York's RH Contemporary Art continues to break new ground

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Housed in a historic six-storey building – encompassing a staggering 28,000 sq ft – complete with roof garden, RH Contemporary Art in Chelsea, New York, has got all bases covered. Though only founded in 2013, the gallery has already developed an ambitious programme of events, as well as producing documentaries on its artists and an annual journal.

'Our goal has been to spotlight a range of international emerging artists while nurturing new talent in a variety of mediums, from video to paintings and more,' says Holly Baxter, the gallery's vice president, who tapped a team of international curators – from locales as distant as Hong Kong, London and Mexico City – as advisors in seeking out young artists.

The gallery has been a pacesetter since its inception. British collective Random International's *Rain Room* – an immersive installation of falling water that allows the 'viewer' to walk through the artwork without getting wet – was a mesmerizing first acquisition; RH Contemporary loaned the piece to the Museum of Modern Art for the 2013 'EXPO 1: New York', where it drew unprecedented crowds.

The gallery is currently showcasing the collective's kinetic 2010 sculpture *Swarm Light*, in which any sound – from a mere whisper to a full on shout – sparks tiny constellations of LEDs. A version of that work is also on permanent display in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Also not to be missed is the Oslo-based artist Aurora Passero's new spin on tapestries. 'I first spotted them on exhibit at the Oslo Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art and immediately sought out the artist,' says Baxter. The work is both refined and beguiling; the patterns and tones of *Triggers #3* – an eight-foot textile work in a palette of apricot, silver and dusty rose – appear to shift and change as one moves around the piece.

But RH Contemporary Art isn't just about showing work. The gallery also runs an artist residency program, accommodating the participants in a nearby two-bedroom loft with studio.

So what's around the corner for RH Contemporary Art? It's simple: continuing to build on their foundation of breaking emerging talent.

## Information

[RH Contemporary Art](#) is open Monday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm EST.

## Address

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