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WU TSANG

A renegade multitasker, Tsang is a Los Angeles-based filmmaker, performer, and event planner. A gold-lamé curtain covers one wall in his New York debut, transforming the gallery into a fairly convincing replica of the Silver Platter, a refuge for L.A.'s Latino transgender community. This tender homage to the forty-year-old bar—where Tsang organized a weekly performance night from 2008 to 2010—features a fictional video in which a young El Salvadorian finds his way to the club. In one memorable shot, drag queens are caught changing backstage. They aren't acting or hamming it up—they're just being themselves in one of the only places on earth where they can. Through Aug. 5.

Claire Barlinat, July 11, 2011