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10 Galleries to Visit in SoHo and TriBeCa

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IN SoHo, the real estate casualties just keep coming: Last year [Pearl Paint](#), the venerable art supply store on Canal Street, closed. This month [Pearl River Mart](#), the Chinese department store where you can buy everything from paper lanterns to cheap ceramics, announced its departure. Rent on its Broadway space is reported to exceed a heart-stopping \$500,000 a month. Yet, amazingly, despite the growing glut of flagship stores, SoHo remains a great place to see art; its nonprofit spaces are thriving. And few things are as satisfying as braving the consumerist hordes, ducking into an art space that is hidden in plain sight, and having your consciousness altered without spending any money at all.



Work by Martin Soto Climent at Clifton Benevento.
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On the sixth floor of one of SoHo's classic 19th-century cast-iron industrial spaces — a similar setting to many of the places mentioned here — this gallery is an oasis in the shopping mall of Broadway. The current show, by the Mexican artist Martin Soto Climent, includes rough, expressionistic ink drawings and suspended plaster sculptures inspired by Bao Jingyan, the fourth-century anarchist philosopher. Mr. Soto Climent extends Bao's musings on the warrior facing death to the demise of his own artistic persona, told through classic Mexican art emblems like human skulls and skeletons.