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# BRINE + Julia Sinelnikova Launch The Nocturnal VECTOR GALLERY

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JJ BRINE + Julia Sinelnikova launch the nocturnal VECTOR GALLERY – ‘The Official Art Gallery of SATAN’



Some might say JJ Brine's work is farcical, but they are more like socio-political pastiche and savvy-snarky commentary on the world. Each of his installations amounts to a freaky, provocative representation with a diabolically droll twist: Charles Manson depicted as Jesus Christ, knife-wielding mutant dolls draped in opalescent paper and occult and voodoo references slotting in easily next to vampiric sculptures.



But the wallop of his wacky-subversive works doesn't dissipate after leaving his devil's den of a gallery on Clinton Street in NYC's Lower East Side; rather, the imprint that remains in your brain after you've seen Satan's spawns staring into broken mirrors or flickering florescent skeletons is still jarring and perplexing long after the initial urge to giggle has worn off. At the newly launched Vector Gallery ('The Official Art Gallery of SATAN'), Brine and his co-creator, Julia Sinelnikova, masterly provoke public reaction mainly by satirizing authority and inverting all manner of orthodoxy—religious institutions, social structures, politics, economics, fashion, the art establishment. Their irreverent gestures and iconoclastic expressions have drawn no shortage criticism (especially from local residents and worried parents), as they have installed a rather visible spectacle of all things taboo aimed at subverting anyone and everything.



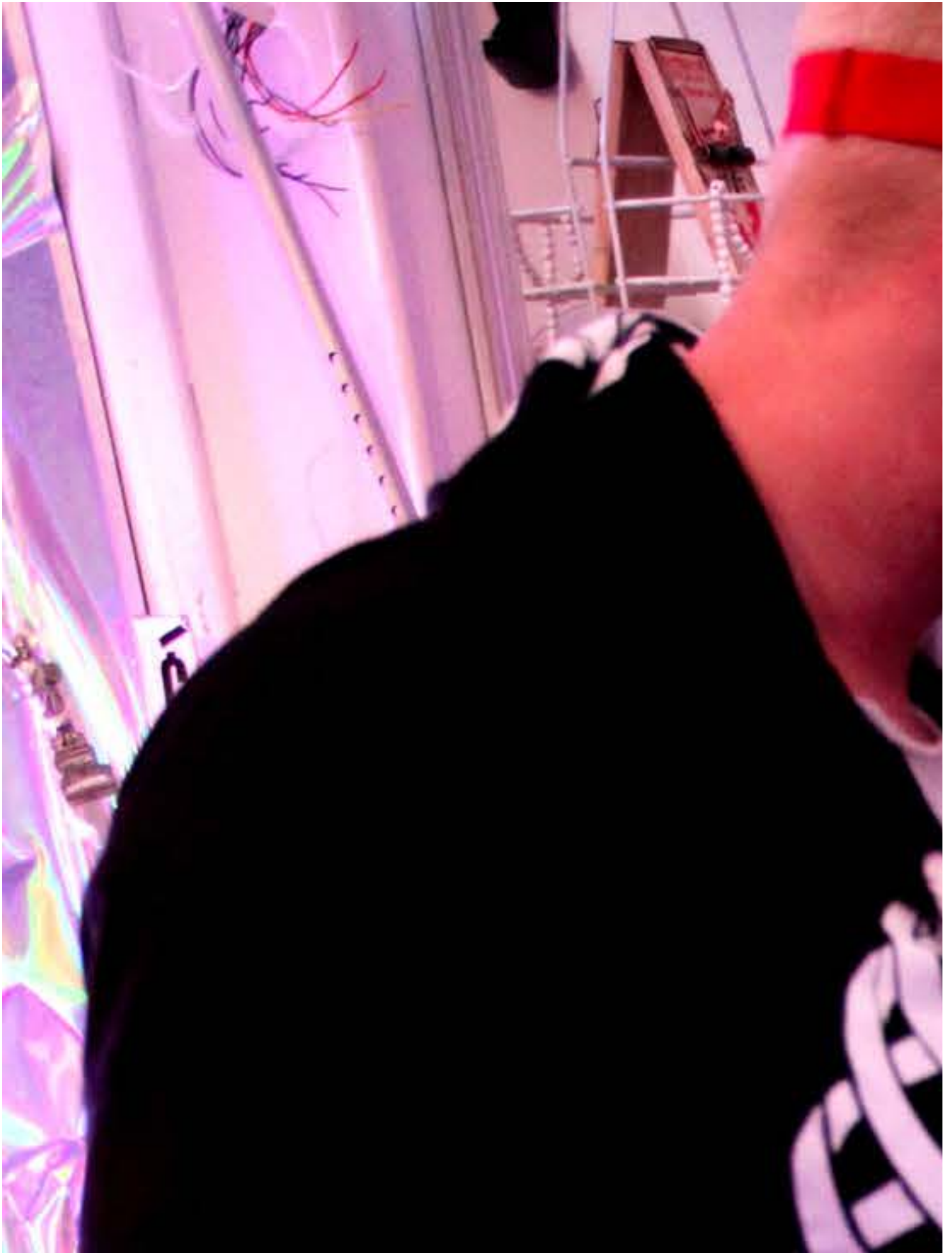
“Vector Gallery is all about agitating against mainstream ideas; it is meant to be a harbinger of change, the existential nemesis of the prevailing status quo,” says Brine, who is frighteningly articulate and studied international relations as an undergraduate in Beirut, Lebanon. “Hell is heaven and heaven is hell... The inversion of a thing is the essence of the thing itself.” Pseudo-philosophy and psychic energy are enacted simultaneously in Vector, where alternative and ‘inverse’ narratives are manifested out of painstaking recreations and juxtapositions of ordinary and carefully crafted objects.





The word 'SATAN' is written in numerous places, and visceral mash-ups of Hellspawn, dream catchers, interspersing Illuminati references, native American symbolism, pyramids and gleaming Halloween paraphernalia are neatly co-mingled. "Engaging the space is a surrealist game of chance experience in which metaphysical and mystical themes are played out," says Brine, who can also perform 'hypnotherapeutic doubling' if visitors request it. "The place is ultimately a mirror and is embraced by those who accept all dimensions of themselves, especially those who embody multiple aesthetics within."





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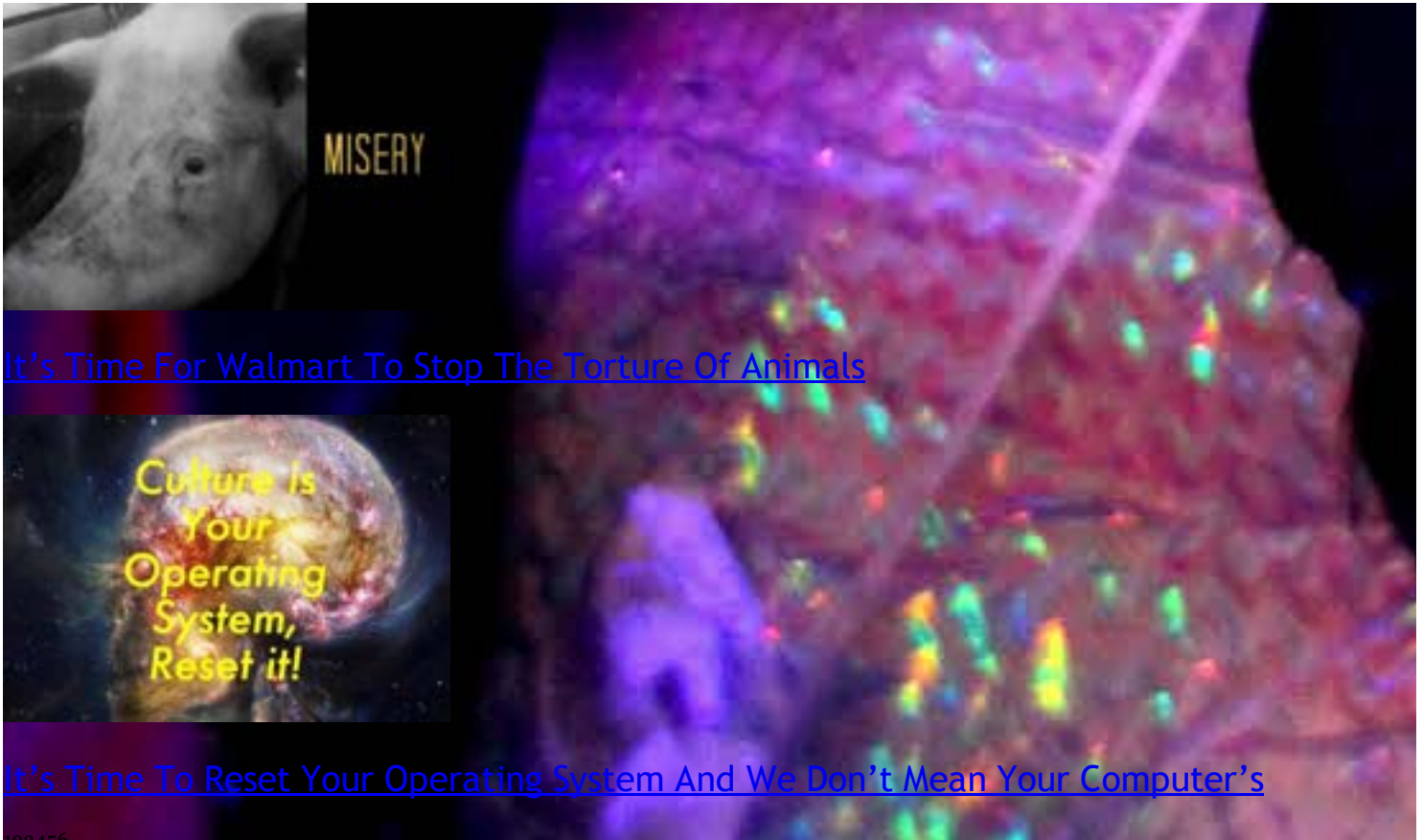


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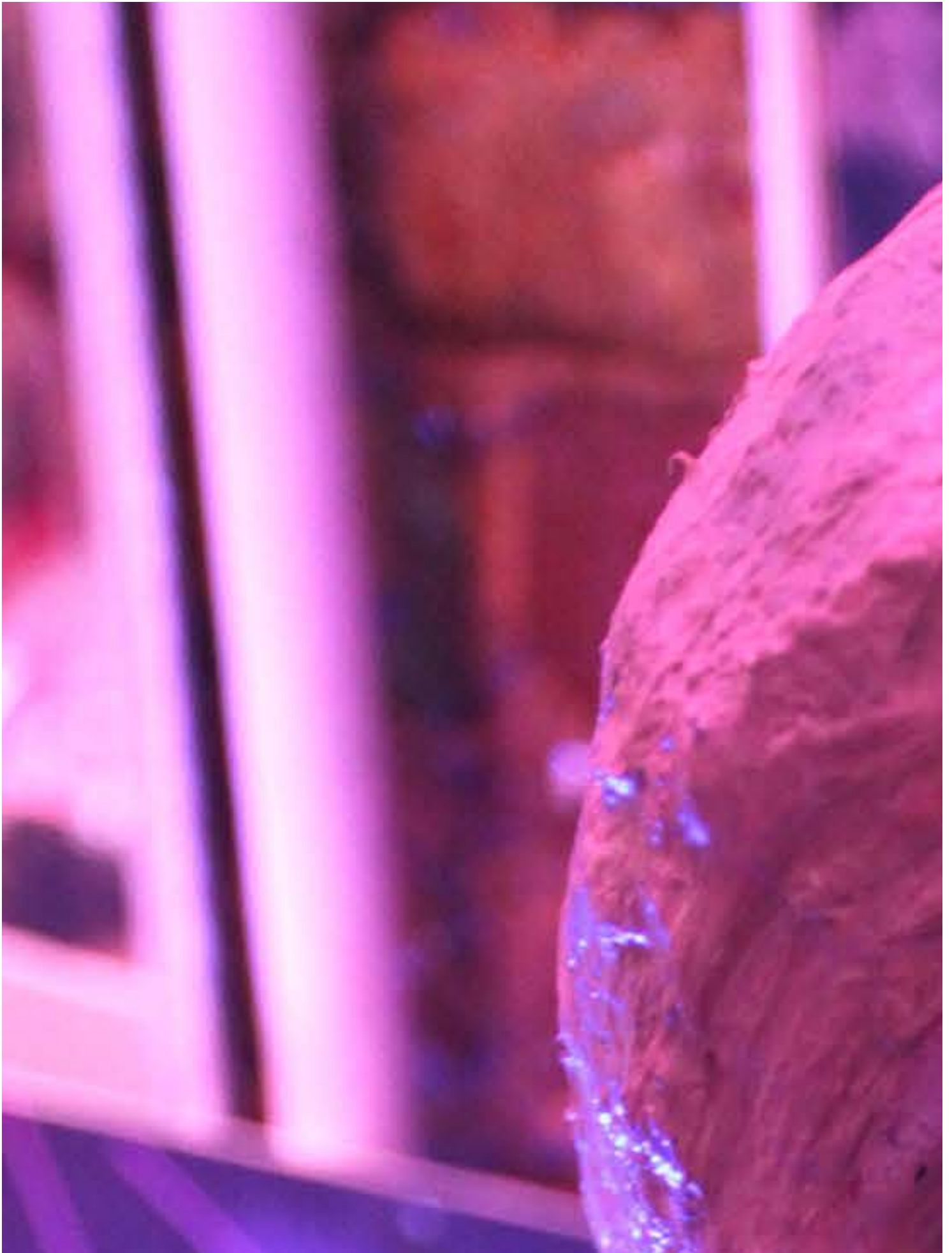


uring references to Duchamp's ready-mades and rollicking religious iconography, the Vector  
izing elements, provocative subject matter and lots of mirrors. The gallery is a 'nocturnal space'  
6Am nightly. And on October 16 there will be a special tribute to Warhol Superstar, Nico, at the

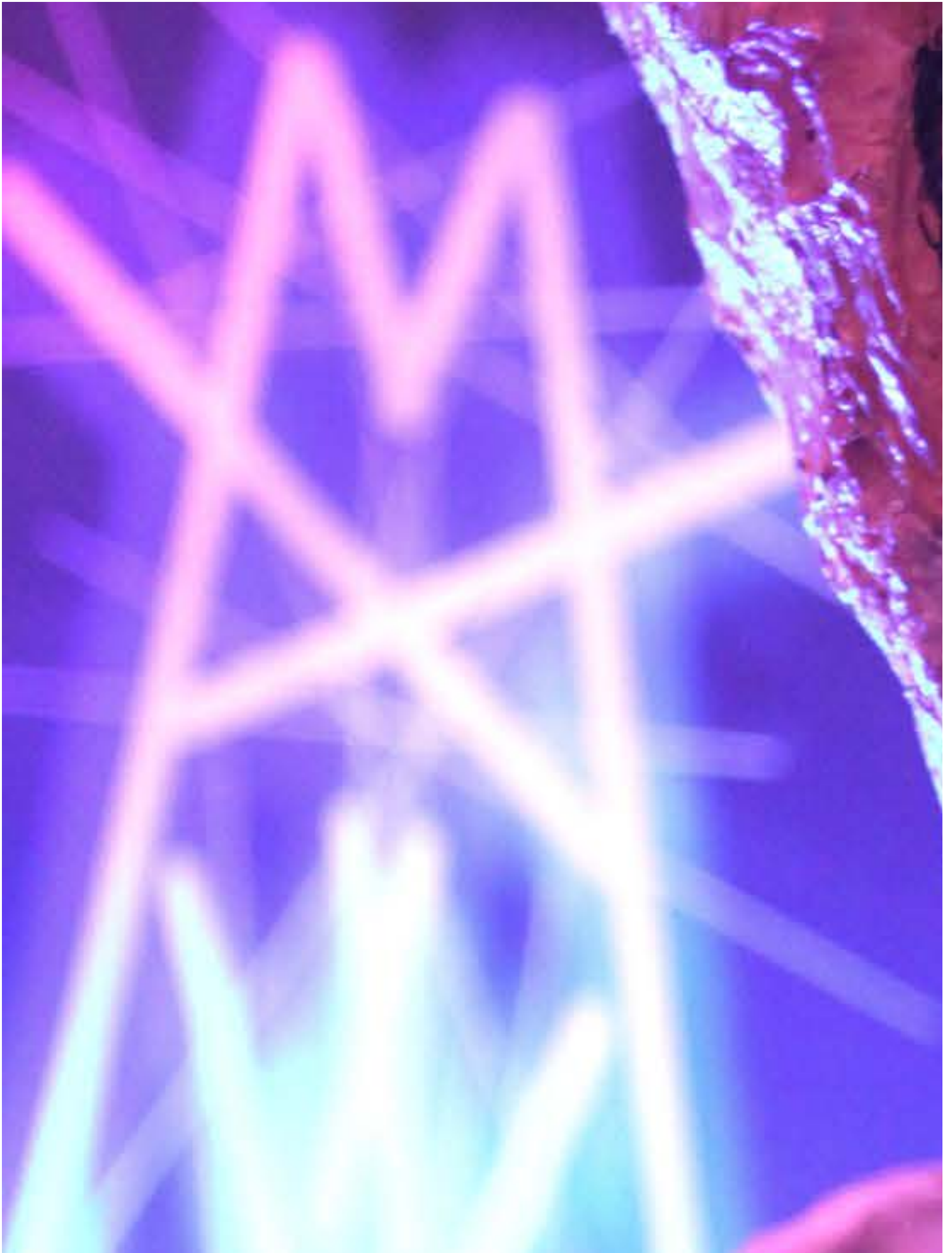












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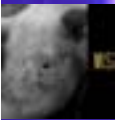


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