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The 9 NYC Artists You Need To Know Now

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Xaviera Simmons, [David Castillo Gallery](#)

Andrea says: "Though I didn't know she was a practicing artist at the time, [Xaviera](#) and I actually went to Bard College together; She was in one of my art history classes. I later learned that she went on to the fantastic

Whitney ISP program while simultaneously training as an actress. I was excited when her name started to pop up in conversations and I started to see her work around the city and beyond. She has a multidisciplinary practice that includes photos, installations, videos, performances and audio pieces. She's able to build these extremely powerful narratives without losing a sense of play." Xaviera Simmons can be seen at the Studio Museum in Harlem and The Sculpture Center, or at an upcoming solo show at David Castillo. *Photo: Via the artist, "Index One, Composition One," courtesy of David Castillo Gallery.*