10 MUST-SEE ART SHOWS OPENING THIS WEEK

by Gary Pini

Ellie Rines’ 55 Gansevoort Gallery (55 Gansevoort Street) premieres a new video by Jeanette Hayes tonight, December 17th, 6 to 8 p.m. The 30-minute clip titled “This American Life” is a compilation of moments recorded over the last three years by the 26-year-old artist and internet star currently living in NYC. It will screen in a continuous loop -- 24/7 -- in the tiny space.

The cool “Situation NY” installation by Jana Winderen and Marc Fornes at Storefront for Art and Architecture (97 Kenmare Street) is only up for a few more days, and on Thursday, December 18, 7 p.m., there’s a special evening at the space with “collaborative improvisations and solo intercessions.” The night features sound artists, programmers and musicians from the New York Supercollider Meetup. Participants include Daniel Palkowski, Dave Britton, David Reeder and Nicholas Colvin.
The closing reception for New York artist Chris Domenick's "You are Apple/Pear" is also on the 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. at RECESS (41 Grand Street). Domenick explores the "historical genre of the still life and its accompanying fruit basket" using three photography still-life tables and a blender on a "kitchen island."

Koenig & Clinton (459 West 19th Street) opens an exhibition of furniture and lighting by the 80s postmodern design collective The Memphis Group on December 18, 6 to 8 p.m. On view until January 31st. There's also a Memphis Group "partner show" at Joe Sheftel Gallery (24 Orchard Street) that runs through January 11th.