

# 15 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before January 12

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Janet Biggs, *Can't Find My Way Home*, 2015. (Image: Courtesy Cristin Tierney Gallery)

## Opening: "Janet Biggs: Within Touching Distance" at Cristin Tierney Gallery

A celebrated and prolific video artist for the past 20 years, Janet Biggs brings her latest works—a four-channel video installation and a dual-channel video—to the immersive exhibition "Within Touching Distance," which deals with memories in relation to identity. The video installation *Can't Find My Way Home* juxtaposes footage of Ms. Biggs exploring the massive crystal caves of a salt mine in Germany with analysis by a neurologist and an elderly man looking at crystals at a gemstone show to draw parallels between the forms of the underground crystals and proteins active in brains with dementia, from which her grandfather—a gem collector—suffered. In the video presentation *Written in Wax* the artist submits herself to electric shocks.

[Cristin Tierney Gallery, 540 West 28 Street, New York, 6-8 p.m.](#)