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# The New Criterion



Katherine Bradford at Sperone Westwater

**“Katherine Bradford” at Sperone Westwater (through February 11):** The lines may snake around the block for Pipilotti Rist’s aqueous (and Instagramed!) video installations now at the New Museum. It’s just too bad the crowds don’t wind through Katherine Bradford’s painting exhibition at Sperone Westwater one block north on the Bowery. As I wrote of her solo show at Canada Gallery a year ago, in Bradford’s subtle hand, water has a reactive, mystical, ultimately ominous quality, refracting shapes, oxidizing colors, and overwhelming her subject matter. Now at Sperone Westwater, Bradford is exhibiting immersive paintings that plumb the depths—no video plugin required.