

# HESSE FLATOW

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## The Artful Life: 8 Things *Galerie* Editors Love This Week

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### 3. A New Exhibition Brings 22 Contemporary Artists to a Historic Amagansett Studio, Breathing New Life into the East End's Rich Legacy of Abstraction

There is a special kind of magic in the **Hamptons** in July—a particular soft light that has captivated and driven generations of artists over the centuries. This summer, that rich artistic legacy is built upon with a dynamic new exhibition at **Hesse Flatow East gallery** in collaboration with Los Angeles's Night Gallery. Titled "Splash," this must-see group show takes place inside celebrated artist **Donald Baechler**'s former studio space in Amagansett, and brings together 22 contemporary artists working in abstraction, each artist boasting deep ties to Long Island. Capturing the spirit of legendary painters **Lee Krasner** and Jackson Pollock, who made work in the surrounding landscape, the exhibit features a selection of works by such buzzworthy contemporary talents as Anthony Olubunmi Akinbola, **Marina Adams**, and Heather Day, spanning a fascinating spectrum of approaches, from sharp, geometric forms to fluid, gestural sweeps. "It is intimidating and exhilarating to organize a show of abstract paintings in the shadow of the great Abstract Expressionists," says Night Gallery owner Davida Nemeroff. "This collaborative exhibition demands a layered approach not unlike the layering of paint needed to hold the light in an abstract painting." Karen Flatow adds, "I'm excited to share the space with so many multi-generational and diverse artists in this beautiful, historical part of the East End of Long Island."

"Splash" is on view at Hesse Flatow East (68 Schellinger Road, Amagansett) from July 11 through August 8, 2026. —Lucy Rees