

ART GUIDE

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A selective listing by critics of The Times: New or noteworthy art, design and photography exhibitions at New York museums and art galleries this weekend. At many museums, children under 12 and members are admitted free. Addresses, unless otherwise noted, are in Manhattan. Most galleries are closed on Sundays and Mondays, but hours vary and should be checked by telephone. Gallery admission is free unless noted. * denotes a highly recommended show.

Galleries: Chelsea

KATE SHEPHERD, "Wall, Floor, Rocky Crag," Galerie Lelong, 528 West 26th Street, (212) 315-0470, through March 20. Ms. Shepherd's paintings set up an engaging dialogue between sensuous physicality and understated architectural fantasy. Her glossy, tastefully color-coordinated rectilinear compositions would appear implacably flat were it not for the fine painted lines describing different sorts of geometric floor patterns. These, in effect, turn the painted surfaces into illusory spaciouly vacant rooms (Johnson).