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# Check out the best group exhibitions at galleries this summer

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It's summer in the art world, which can only mean one thing, besides weekends in the Hamptons—group shows of artists! Galleries all over town from Chelsea and Uptown to the Lower East Side and Brooklyn are mounting exhibits that are usually thematic in nature, mainly as a way of tying disparate works of art together. Sometimes the shows are organized by outside curators and sometimes by the galleries themselves. Whatever the case, they offer an opportunity to take in multiple artistic sensibilities in one shot. Granted, there are a lot of shows out there this summer, but to help you choose, we offer our pick of the best.

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"Baggage Claim"
Up in the air might be the best description for the theme of this show in which baggage, both literal and emotional, is the unifying thread tying together eight artists whose works make a metaphorical connection between travel and angst. Michael Mahalchick clear-plastic storage cases filled with personal items are the fairy direct on that score; so, too, are Alessandro Teoldi's images of nervous hands sewn together out of pieces of airline blankets. Joy Curtis and Cheyenne Julien are among the other artists here.