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# Gallery Owner Irina Protopopescu Shares Her Bushwick Faves

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Bushwick trailblazer and [Slag Gallery](#) owner Irina Protopopescu takes us on an insider's tour of her 'hood.



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Slag Gallery.

"Bushwick was a happy accident," says Irina Protopopescu about the decision to move her gallery in 2012 from Chelsea to 56 Bogart, a warehouse of galleries and workspaces that has become the ad hoc hub of Bushwick's thriving art scene. She may be biased, but the gallery owner says that it's a natural place to begin a best-of tour. "On designated Thursdays and Fridays, the galleries stay open until 9 pm for special events, performances, and poetry readings," she says. [Slag Gallery](#) (56 Bogart St., 212-967-9818) is currently showing works from emerging artists Erika Baglyas, Naomi Safran-Hon, Alisha Wessler, Jody Wood, and Masha Zusman.

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recently opened restaurant, bar, and indie movie theater, says the gallery owner, "that does what Bushwick retailers do best—repurpose a space to house a number of artsy offerings under one roof." This is one former Chelsea girl who isn't looking back.

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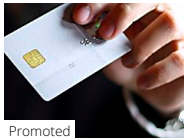
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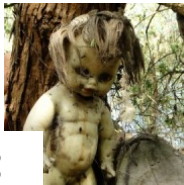
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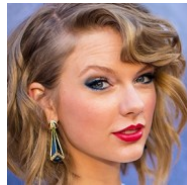
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