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Unless otherwise noted, galleries are open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from around 10 or 11 to between 5 and 6.

NEIL WELLIVER

Landscapes with incongruously set nudes, à la "Dejeuner sur l'Herbe": one naked woman sits in a verdant outdoor scene with a clothed child who ignores her, another is joined by a defiantly jaunty topless friend in low-riding jeans. When Welliver moves his models into secluded swimming holes for simpler scenarios like skinny-dipping and washing up, his composition gets bolder. His clear, sunlit water, a mottled, psychedelic scrim floating over his subjects throughout the show, is so distinctive that it nearly becomes a gimmick. Through Jan. 26. (Alexandre, 41 E. 57th St. 755-2828.)

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