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Go on an art walk this summer to see these two multi-gallery shows

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Whether it’s in Chelsea or on the Lower East Side or Uptown, summer in the New York gallery world generally means group exhibitions. But this year, the idea gets a new twist as galleries across the city group together for two massive shows. The first, kicking off today, is Ugo Rondinone: I ♥ John Giorno, a tribute to legendary poet, artist, activist and muse John Giorno by his husband, the Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone. But homage isn’t being paid just by Rondinone: Scores of artists are participating in this exhibitions spread among a dozen of the city’s leading art institutions, including the Kitchen, the New Museum and the Rubin Museum. Among the highlights will be Andy Warhol’s classic 1963 film, Sleep, a long take of Giorno snoozing for five hours and 20 minutes, at the Swiss Institute. You can find out more about it here.

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The other big show is Condo NY, in which 36 cutting-edge galleries from around the world are being hosted by 16 of the hippest galleries in Chelsea and on the Lower East Side. The show, based on a similar one in London, runs from June 29th to July 28th and may become an annual event. You can find more information here. Whether you take in one of both shows, you'll be on the coolest art walk under the summer sun.

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