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★ **'LOOKING BACK: THE FIFTH WHITE COLUMNS ANNUAL,'** through Jan. 29. The White Columns annual review of the New York art season past is back for its fifth year, and most welcome. Unlike multiveted institutional surveys, this recap is produced by a committee of one: the independent curator Bob Nickas. Ambitiously, he's brought in a roster of 42 artists, nearly twice as many as were in the largest of the previous annuals. But most of the work is small, so there's no overcrowding. And the variety gives the show a distinctly personal texture: tough, prickly, theatrical. White Columns, 320 West 13th Street, enter on Horatio Street, (212) 924-4212, whitecolumns.org. (Cotter)