

# BlackBook

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## Say It Ain't So! Dodge Gallery Closing Up Shop On The L.E.S.

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Bummer of the week: Kristen Dodge, owner of the eponymous Dodge Gallery on Rivington Street, announced via email that she would be shutting the gallery's doors after a four-year run. The handsome, bi-level space has hosted 42 exhibitions, including stand-outs like a recent Ted Gahl painting show; a spotlight on Jason Middlebrook's awesome, sculptural planks; and Ellen Harvey's *Nudist Museum Gift Shop*. From a journalist's perspective, Dodge and director of operations Patton Hindle have always been a breath of fresh air: Engaged and passionate about the work they show and support, but mercifully allergic to the bullshit and pretension that so often mar the art world. The Lower East Side will be losing a terrific gallery, but it's hard to imagine that Dodge will disappear from the scene entirely. Personally, I'm excited to see what she gets up to next.



In the meantime, Dodge is going out with an exhibition of work by Taylor Davis, on view through April 13, along with a curated show downstairs that pairs Davis's pieces with others by Judy Linn, Thomas Nozkowski, and others.