

**13. Slag** *531 W. 25th St.; 212-967-9818* A passion project from Romanian-born collector Irina Protopopescu, Slag (named, symbolically, for the unwanted but recyclable by-product of ore smelting) opened last summer to showcase Eastern European artists. Right now, she's hosting Romanian artist Mircea Suci, whose bleak paintings look like fifties ads stripped of all their chipper optimism.