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If your New Year's resolution is to be more cultured, we've got you covered. Behold, in honor of our annual Women in Art Issue, our crib sheet of fresh talent, must-see shows, and fashionable goings-on in the art world. *By Véronique Hyland and Amanda Fit-Simons*

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## LENS CRAFTER

Alex Prager

L.A.-based photographer and filmmaker Prager is known for her deft use of noir references. Her 2010 four-minute short *Despair* features Bryce Dallas Howard in a telephone booth, unmistakably recalling Tippi Hedren in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*. Prager's latest film, *La Petite Mort* (colloquial *français for orgasm*), is no different, with lots of retro shots that look as if they could have come from Jiri Mezzel's cutting-room floor.

