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459 W 19th St 25 between Tenth and Eleventh Aves (212-727-3323, postmastersart.com), Tue-Sat 10am-6pm.

* **David Nyzio, "Smoke and Mirrors"** For his first New York show in 12 years, Nyzio—a sculptor whose works weigh the uneasy balance between culture and nature—presents objects made of polished anthracite (a hardened variety of coal), as well pieces that incorporate "beaver stumps" (the gnawed remnants of small trees felled to make dams). Thu 14-May 21

Critics' picks

The five best events this week



1 "Picasso and Marie-Thérèse: L'amour fou" **FREE**

Gagosian Gallery

Picasso went through a lot of women, but Marie-Thérèse Walter (the comely lass he met when she was 18 and he was 46) was his greatest muse, the female subject he painted most often. This show revisits the fruits of their unique relationship. ▶ **Thu 14-June 25; see Chelsea**

2 Caetano de Almeida **FREE**

Eleven Rivington

This Brazilian painter's stylish, chromatically high-key blend of modernist styles should give the eyeballs a retinal workout.

▶ **Fri 15-May 15; see Lower East Side**



3 David Nyzio, "Smoke and Mirrors" **FREE**

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Polished lumps of coal and small tree stumps gnawed by beavers are some of the materials used by Nyzio, a sculptor whose works explore the uneasy balance between culture and nature. ▶ **Thu 14-May 21; see Chelsea**