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## Leading U.S. Museums and Galleries Join Nationwide Strike Protesting ICE

Galleries are calling on ICE to leave Minneapolis.



Protesters participate in a "Stop ICE Terror" rally against Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in Minneapolis on January 20, 2026. Photo by Madison Thorn/Anadolu via Getty Images.

- **A call for a nationwide general strike asks people not to go to work, to school, or do any shopping on Friday, January 30.**
- **The blackout is in protest of the ongoing occupation of Minneapolis by ICE, which has killed two U.S. citizens.**
- **A growing number of art galleries and other art organizations will be taking part in the strike.**

Following the Minneapolis shooting of 37-year-old ICU nurse Alex Pretti by United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), [last week's Twin Cities shutdown](#) is going nationwide on Friday, January 30. A growing number of galleries, museums, and other art organizations in New York and beyond are signing on to participate in the National Shutdown protesting the increasingly violent enforcement tactics of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including [Gagosian](#), [David Zwirner](#), [Hauser and Wirth](#), [Pace Gallery](#), the [Drawing Center](#) in New York, the [Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles](#), and the [Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles](#).

"It was an easy decision. Our program is shaped by artists and audiences from many backgrounds, including immigrant communities," Joseph Ian Henrikson, founder of New York's [Anonymous Gallery](#), wrote in an email. "In that spirit, we are happy to pause operations for the day in solidarity with those advocating for safety, dignity, and equitable treatment."

The first three New York galleries to announce their closure for the day appear to have been [Astor Weeks](#), [Silke Lindner](#), and [Margot Samel](#), who sent an email to other dealers about the blackout, inviting them “feel free to join us.” The email chain quickly exploded with other galleries who would be shutting their doors in response to ICE’s occupation of Minneapolis.

“Watching those events makes it hard to continue with business as usual, especially in a cultural field that so often speaks about care and responsibility,” Samel said in an email.

“It’s not a time to be quiet,” Lindner agreed, while Astor Weeks cofounder Cal Siegel offered a blunter sentiment: “Fuck ICE.”

The nation’s museums have been slower to join in, despite leading institutions in the Twin Cities such as the [Walker Art Center](#) and the [Minneapolis Institute of Art](#) taking part in last week’s local strike. (More than 700 businesses and 1,000 unions [reportedly took part](#).) As of press time, nonprofits including the [Armory Center for the Arts](#) in Pasadena, [Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions](#) (LACE), [the Brick](#) in Los Angeles, and [Cue Art Foundation](#) in New York are planning to close for the protest on Friday. Leading institutions in New York and beyond did not respond to inquiries by press time.

### **Participating Organizations**

[18th Street Arts Center](#), Santa Monica  
[303 Gallery](#), New York  
[56 Henry](#), New York  
[Adams and Ollman](#), Portland, Oregon  
[A.I.R. Gallery](#), Brooklyn  
[Alexander Gray Associates](#), New York  
[Alisan Fine Arts](#), New York  
[Alison Bradley Projects](#), New York  
[Almine Rech](#), New York  
[Anat Ebgj](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Andrew Edlin Gallery](#), New York  
[Andrew Kreps Gallery](#), New York  
[Anonymous Gallery](#), New York  
[Anton Kern Gallery](#), New York  
Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena  
[Artists Space](#), New York  
[Astor Weeks](#), New York  
[Baker—Hall](#), Miami  
[Berry Campbell](#), New York  
[Blade Study](#), New York  
[Blue Rooster Art Supplies](#), Los Angeles  
[Bortolami](#), New York  
The Brick, Los Angeles  
[Broadway Gallery](#), New York  
[Bruce Silverstein](#), New York  
[Brigitte Mulholland](#), Paris  
[Canada](#), New York  
[Casey Kaplan](#), New York  
[Center for Art, Research, and Alliances](#) (CARA), New York  
[Chapter New York](#), New York

[Charles Moffett Gallery](#), New York  
[Charlie James Gallery](#), Los Angeles  
[Chart](#), New York  
[Château Shatto](#), Los Angeles  
[Chris Sharp Gallery](#), Los Angeles  
[Company](#), New York  
[Corbett vs. Dempsey](#), Chicago  
[Corita Art Center](#), Los Angeles  
Cristin Tierney, New York  
Cue Art Foundation, New York  
[David B. Smith Gallery](#), Denver  
[David Klein Gallery](#), Detroit  
[David Kordansky](#), New York and Los Angeles  
David Zwirner, New York and Los Angeles  
[DC Moore Gallery](#), New York  
[Diane Rosenstein Gallery](#), Los Angeles  
[Dimin](#), New York  
[Document](#), Chicago  
The Drawing Center, New York  
[El Museo del Barrio](#), New York  
[The Empty Circle](#), New York  
[Eyebeam](#), New York  
[Foster/White](#), Seattle  
[François Ghebaly](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Fraenkel](#), San Francisco  
[Fragment](#), New York  
[Franklin Parrasch Gallery](#), New York  
Gagosian, New York and Beverly Hills  
[Gallery Kendra Patrick](#), Bern, Switzerland  
[Galerie Lelong](#), New York  
[Gladstone Gallery](#), New York  
[Gordon Robichaux](#), New York  
[Greene Naftali](#), New York  
[Haines Gallery](#), San Francisco  
Hair and Nails, New York and Minneapolis  
[Hales Gallery](#), New York  
[Hal Bromm Gallery](#), New York  
Half Gallery, New York  
[Hannah Traore Gallery](#), New York  
[Harkawik](#), New York  
[Harper's Books](#), East Hampton  
Hauser and Wirth, New York and Los Angeles  
[Henrique Faria Fine Art](#), New York  
[Hesse Flatow](#), New York and Amagansett  
[Higher Pictures](#), New York  
[Hoffman Donahue](#), New York, Los Angeles, and Beverly Hills  
[Hostler Burrows](#), Los Angeles  
Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

[ILY2](#), New York and Portland, Oregon  
[Jacqueline Sullivan Gallery](#), New York  
[James Cohan](#), New York  
[Jane Lombard Gallery](#), New York  
[Jeffrey Deitch](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Jim Kempner Fine Art](#), New York  
[Joan](#), Los Angeles  
[Junior High](#), Glendale, California  
[Kaleidoscope Collective](#), Rogers, Arkansas  
[Karma](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Katia David Rosenthal Gallery](#), Miami  
[Kavi Gupta](#), Chicago  
[Klaus von Nichtssagend](#), New York  
[Kravets Wehby Gallery](#), New York  
[Kurimanzutto](#), New York  
[KV Tiles](#), Farmington, Connecticut  
[La Luz de Jesus](#), Los Angeles  
[The Lapis Press](#), Culver City, California  
[Lehman Maupin](#), New York  
[Lévy Gorvy Dayan](#), New York  
[Lisson Gallery](#), New York and Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles  
[Luhring Augustine](#), New York  
[Luis De Jesus](#), Los Angeles  
[The Luminary](#), St. Louis  
[Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](#), Madison, Wisconsin  
[Magenta Plains](#), New York  
[Make Room Los Angeles](#), Los Angeles  
[Management](#), New York  
[March Gallery](#), New York  
Margot Samel, New York  
[Marian Goodman Gallery](#), New York  
[Marianne Boesky Gallery](#), New York  
[Martha's](#), Austin  
[Mary Ryan](#), New York  
[Mendes Wood DM](#), New York  
[Michael Rosenfeld Gallery](#), New York  
[Michael Werner](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Microscope Gallery](#), New York  
[Miguel Abreu Gallery](#), New York  
[Monique Meloche](#), Chicago  
[Moskowitz Bayse](#), Los Angeles  
[Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit](#), Detroit  
[Museum of Neon Art](#), Glendale, California  
[Mrs. Gallery](#), Queens  
[Nara Roesler](#), New York  
[Nathalie Karg Gallery](#), New York  
[Nazarian/Curcio](#), Los Angeles

[New Art Dealers Association](#), New York  
[New River Art and Fiber](#), Blacksburg, Virginia  
[Nicola Vassell](#), New York  
[Nightjar Arts Collective](#), Columbia, Missouri  
[Nina Johnson](#), Miami  
[Nguyen Wahed](#), New York  
[Nova Community Arts](#), Los Angeles  
[Off Paradise](#), New York  
[Olney Gleason](#), New York  
[Ortuzar](#), New York  
Pace Gallery, New York and Los Angeles  
[Palo Gallery](#), New York  
[Paula Cooper Gallery](#), New York  
[Parent Company](#), New York  
[Perrotin](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Peter Blum Gallery](#), New York  
[Peter Freeman, Inc.](#), New York  
[Petzel](#), New York  
[Peter Blum Gallery](#), New York  
The Pit, Los Angeles  
[Portland Institute for Contemporary Art](#), Portland, Oregon  
PPOW, New York  
[Printed Matter](#), New York  
[Project for Empty Space](#), New York and Newark  
[Rebecca Camacho Presents](#), San Francisco  
[Recess](#), Brooklyn  
[Regan Projects](#), Los Angeles  
[Richard Grey Gallery](#), New York and Chicago  
[River and Words Art Collective](#), Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
[Roberts Projects](#), Los Angeles  
[Rosenberg and Co. Gallery](#), New York  
[Ryan Lee](#), New York  
[Salon 94](#), New York  
[Sargent's Daughters](#), New York  
[Screen Slate](#), New York and San Francisco  
Sean Kelly, New York and Los Angeles  
[Sea View](#), Los Angeles  
[Sebastian Gladstone](#), New York and Los Angeles  
[Shoshana Wayne](#), Los Angeles  
[Shrine](#), Brooklyn  
[Sikkema Malloy Jenkins](#), New York  
[Silke Lindner](#), New York  
[Smack Mellon](#), New York  
[Sprüth Magers](#), New York and Los Angeles  
Susan Sheehan Gallery, New York  
Tanya Bonakdar, New York  
[Templon](#), New York  
[Timothy Taylor](#), New York

[Tina Kim Gallery](#), New York  
[Uffner and Liu](#), New York  
[Uterior Gallery](#), New York  
[Untitled Space](#), New York  
[Van Doren Waxter](#), New York  
[Vielmetter Los Angeles](#), Los Angeles  
[Western Exhibitions](#), Chicago  
[Westwood Gallery](#), New York  
[White Columns](#), New York  
[White Cube](#), New York  
[Will Shott](#), New York  
[Yancey Richardson Gallery](#), New York