

# KATE WERBLE GALLERY

83 VANDAM STREET NEW YORK, NY 10013



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**Danny King**  
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Not quite feel-bad so much as feel-weird, this group exhibition of twenty-plus artists proffers a decidedly unromantic view of Christmas, emphasizing some of the holiday's more perverse and salacious components. A Paul Rizzo work listing an outré selection of wants — Wishing you fellatio, black leather, and rainbows is the title as well as the message scrawled across the piece's surface — is a good indicator of the overriding tone of irreverence. The Laurel Sparks-organized show also promises depictions of "nutcracker orgies," "intersexed elves," "satanic reindeer," and other shocks to the customary stable of cheery seasonal imagery. Polly Apfelbaum, Brian Belott, and Brandi Twilley are among the rest of the artists rounding out the lineup.

*Installation view by Elisabeth Bernstein / Courtesy Kate Werble Gallery.*