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Smallish, colorful, semiprecious congeries of surreal, peppy forms in many materials—metal, wood, paper, stones, glass, bronze, tulle—strive to please as eagerly as rescue pets. Think of all that is congenial in the arts of assemblage, ceramics, and jewelry, then add marvels of sea creatures from coral reefs. A certain coarseness in the textures and some vulgarity of saturated colors register as disarming humility. These fabulous bibelots promise not to high-hat you. They just want to follow you home. Through April 21. (De Nagy, 724 Fifth Ave., at 57th St. 212-262-5050.)

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