



## Sol Kjøk

### Artist

**L**illehammer native Sol Kjøk may have left Norway at the age of 18, but she's dedicated to increasing the visibility of Norwegian artists from her home base in New York City. Kjøk traveled the world studying painting and art history before moving to the Big Apple in 1996. Last year, she opened .NO—a nonprofit gallery dedicated to giving Norwegian and Scandinavian artists exposure within the New York art scene.

**“I thought this would be a good opportunity** for me to pull in my colleagues from Norway who hadn't shown in New York. I started inviting my friends, and it just snowballed because all Norwegian artists want to show in New York.”

**“The gallery shows a broad range of mediums,** including painting, drawing, performance, video, sculpture, installation, conceptual art and political art.”

**“I love New York.** When I arrived, I thought it was the place where I could plant my flag. It's so international.”

**“A source of inspiration** for me is running. I get all kinds of ideas that just pop into my head when my mind is free to roam for hours. I'm not really inspired by looking at other art because it's already been filtered through somebody else's temperament.”

**“I go back to Norway** at least every two years. I was just there in November because I had a show in Oslo.”



Learn more about .NO Gallery at [no-in-nyc.org](http://no-in-nyc.org).