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## BEST OF 2014: OUR TOP 20 NYC ART SHOWS THAT WEREN'T IN BROOKLYN

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Skylar Fein, "The Lincoln Bedroom" (2013), at C24 Gallery (photos by Hrag Vartanian for Hyperallergic)

### #10 – Skylar Fein: *The Lincoln Bedroom* at C24

November 1, 2013–February 22, 2014

Queer history is the subject of Skylar Fein's art, particularly the untold stories and omitted passages that may never be known. His project at C24 Gallery included a recreation of a small house (and even smaller bed) that US President Abraham Lincoln shared with another man. Fein didn't blatantly suggest that something romantic or sexual might have happened between the two, but it's hard not to read between the line and understand that history never mentions this curiosity. Seeing it at full scale drives the point home perfectly. After the exhibition closed, Fein destroyed the installation as an "act of symbolic destruction." "This, after all, is where queer history goes, in 2014: the garbage," he told Hyperallergic.

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