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Sadie Barnette makes Hello Kitty a ... Black Panther!

In New York, the exhibition of the African American artist



Sadie Barnette - Courtesy of Fort Gansevoort.

Have you ever seen Hello Kitty turn into a black panther, maybe on a full moon night? If it's never happened, go to [Sadie Barnette's "Compland" show at the Fort Gansevoort gallery in New York](#) . It will not be an intolerable shock, do not worry: Hello Kitty, which you will find [Sadie Barnette's staff](#) , will be the sweet and tender kitten we all know, but in a particularly peculiar context: the **Black Panther Party** , the historic revolutionary organization African American, founded in 1966 in Oakland, California.

Keeping her company, living in California 70 years, piles of banknotes and coins, cracked sidewalks, sprays of glitter, but also the 500 FBI papers on the artist's

father, **Rodney Barnette** , who founded in 1968 the headquarters of the **Black Panther Party** in Compton.

The exhibition is divided on the 3 storeys of the **Fort Gansevoort** gallery and builds, in a variety of languages (photographs, collages, inscriptions and pop inserts), a city that does not exist: **Compland** , in fact, an urban center beyond any state of surveillance. A city, in short, that if today really existed, everyone would want to live ...

Info: "Compland" by Sadie Barnette - Fort Gansevoort , 5th Ninth Avenue, New York - until 28 October 2017

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