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ART GALLERIES—UPTOWN

## Wilhelm Sasnal

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The gallery inaugurates its new headquarters with a show that includes politically pointed paintings by the Polish artist—a canny choice, given that the five-story town house is just a stone's throw from Trump Tower. But the always pensive Sasnal complicates simplistic readings. Paintings of Angela Merkel, Hillary Clinton, and Marine Le Pen are offset by scenes both bucolic (birds silhouetted against a cloudy sky) and sinister (protesters holding a sign that reads "Choke on Your Silver Spoon You Fucking Nazi"). Particularly striking is a stark black-and-white trio of former U.N. Secretaries-General seen in extreme closeup: Ban Ki-moon, Kofi Annan, and Kurt Waldheim.