

Walk through "bodega" to get to further installations behind trick door

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Don't turn around after you walk into the Oliver Kamm 5BE Gallery, thinking you've made a mistake. You haven't. Justin Lowe has turned the front space into a typical city bodega (and possible drug front), getting every detail right, from the floor tiles to the bugs in the refrigerator case, from the cash register to the music. The far wall, under the Arizona iced tea bottle, is a secret revolving entrance to the back room — but there is no illegal gambling or drug dealing going down there; instead, you have entered a questionable construction site, with ads plastered on the walls and scaffolding over your head. But continue on down the steps to discover that you were actually inside an improbable Kool Man ice-cream truck parked on soft grass (made of colorful fabric), playing that annoying ice-cream song over and over.

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