The Week in Arts: Bryan Cranston in ‘Network,’ Lucas Hedges in ‘Boy Erased’

Ah, fake news and fury — a Broadway adaptation, starring Cranston, of the 1976 film feels rumblingly prescient now.

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An image from Martha Rosler’s video “Semiotics of the Kitchen.” Martha Rosler
Art: Martha Rosler’s Uncompromising Vision
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In Martha Rosler’s classic 1975 video “Semiotics of the Kitchen,” the artist recites an alphabetical list of cooking paraphernalia, beginning with the apron she’s wearing, and demonstrates the use of each tool with a violent, awkward pantomime. Her tone is a bit self-conscious, but she keeps a mostly straight face until the end when, after slashing a “Z” in the air with a knife, she raises her eyebrows, throws up her hands and cocks her head as if to say, “What did you expect me to be doing?”

Nuanced but uncompromising, the video pretty much says it all. But it’s only one of the scores of photographs, videos and large-scale installations, from the 1960s to present, in “Martha Rosler: Irrespective,” a new retrospective at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan. WILL HEINRICH