

The Week in Art: Asia Week Highlights and Art Production Fund Gala

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Though it may seem that Armory Week and Frieze Week get all the action, the reality is that there is never a dull moment in the New York art world. From the East Side to the West Side, there's always something happening at the city's museums, galleries, and various event spaces. This week was no exception.

David Hammons Opening at Mnuchin Gallery The New York art world elite was out in force at Mnuchin Gallery on Tuesday, March 15, for the opening of "David Hammons: Five Decades." Given the museum-like scope of the exhibition, it was perhaps no surprise to see museum directors Thelma Golden (Studio Museum in Harlem), Glenn Lowry (Museum of Modern Art, New York), and Melissa Chiu (Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC) were in attendance.

Also on hand were artists Theaster Gates and Glenn Ligon, dealer Jeanne Greenberg-Rohatyn, and curator Scott Rothkopf of New York's Whitney Museum of American Art. Despite kicking off a half-hour before the customary 6:00 p.m. start time, the opening was starting to fill up by 5:45—all the more impressive given the absence of the artist. Hammons was supposedly away in Marrakech for that city's biennial. Even the gallery, though, didn't know his whereabouts for sure.



Antwaun Sargent, Rin Johnson, Kimberly Drew, Becky Akinyode at the opening of "David Hammons: Five Decades" at New York's Mnuchin Gallery. Photo: Neil Rasmus, BFA.



Sukanya Rajaratnam, Agnes Gund and Glenn Ligon at the opening of "David Hammons: Five Decades" at New Yorks Mnuchin Gallery. Photo: Neil Rasmus, BFA.



Benjamin Genocchio and Melissa Chiu at the opening of "David Hammons: Five Decades" at New Yorks Mnuchin Gallery. Photo: Neil Rasmus, BFA.