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The Week in Art: BOFFO Holds Narcissists Ball, Chashama Lights Up Times Square



Artist Dominique Paul at the 2016 chashama Gala. Courtesy of photographer Joe Schildhorn/BFA.

2016 chashama Gala Honoring Dustin Yellin

On June 8, the former Conde Nast building at 4 Times Square was transformed into an artists' playground by chashama, a non-profit curatorial group run by Anita Durst. Yes, Durst as in those Dursts—the Durst Organization owns the building, and regularly lets chashama take over its unused spaces to fantastic artistic affect.

Over 100 interactive environments, performances, and artists' projects curated by Durst overran the building's fourth floor, including the whimsical cafeteria designed by Frank Gehry for his first New York project way back in 2000. Highlights included what artist Kit Lagreze described to artnet News as "collaborative floral design," and a stunning wedding dress/sculpture covered in dripping candles by Flambeaux, plus the artsiest naked sushi we've ever seen, from Abby Hertz.



Rick Kariolic and Anita Durst in a candelabra dress by Flambeaux at the 2016 chashama Gala. Courtesy of photographer Joe Schildhorn/BFA.



AcroYoga performs a Warrior Bridge at the 2016 chashama Gala. Courtesy of photographer Joe Schildhorn/BFA.



Abby Hertz, *Lust*, model: Daniel Zilewicz at the 2016 chashama Gala. Courtesy of photographer Joe Schildhorn/BFA.