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The nightlife comes to New York Fashion Week

New York City Midtown passersby were in for a few unexpected sightings as they came across the glass atrium of a commercial building during this season's New York Fashion Week (NYFW). The location was converted into an "Urban Garden Room" by arts organization, chashama and nightlife legend, Susanne Bartsch. It was all part of, [Art-a-Porter](#) a takeover of NYFW with a cornucopia of multimedia that fused fashion, theater, performance and visual art by over 50 artists.

In the Urban Garden Room several of New York City's underground culture mainstays including Amanda Lepore created a "surrealist" dinner party with extravagant costumes, art, music and of course, sandwiches. The dinner guests were on display as onlookers took photos and reveled in watching the elaborate tableau. For Bartsch the installation was an attempt to display what she considers the often overlooked and underappreciated art of underground club culture.

"These people have nothing to do with fashion but yet with looks and creations they use their bodies to create art. When these people are in nightclubs many don't see the art. So I wanted to take it out that context and put it in a different setting during New York Fashion Week."