

Art World Picks and Purchases at the Armory Show VIP Preview

At any art fair, there comes a time when fairgoers are forced to pick favorites. Yesterday's *Armory Show* vernissage was no different, with a flood of art-world darlings, collectors, and curators poised to pounce on the choice selection of works on offer. Among others spotted strolling through the aisles were institutional leaders like the *Brooklyn Museum's* Arnold Lehman and the *Andy Warhol Museum's* Eric Shiner, artists Maurizio Cattelan, Lucien Smith, and Kadar Brock, mainstay collectors Don and Mera Rubell and Susan and Michael Hort, and a few somewhat incognito celebrities—Tobey Maguire and Neil Patrick Harris, to name a couple surprises. Over the course of the day, Artsy caught up with influencers from across the art world, who talked us through their favorite projects.



Bernard Lumpkin with works by Abigail DeVille at Michel Rein's booth. Photo by Christophe Tedjasukmana for Artsy.

Bernard Lumpkin, Collector

“*Abigail DeVille* makes these amazing sculptural, installation-esque pieces, which involve objects that she gathers and collects and finds and then puts together in amazing, surprising ways. I’m a trustee at the *Studio Museum*, and we are big supporters of her work. She just did our artist-in-residence program last year. I love these works. They make you think creatively as a collector about how to live with art. It’s always easy to live with paintings or photographs, the kind of thing you can just put on the wall and it looks pretty and is easy to manage and move around. These sort of works require a different kind of commitment. But I also think the reward is different and deeper, when living with work like this that makes familiar objects seem strange and everyday articles feel out of the ordinary.”