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Damien Hirst

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THE METROPOLITAN PAVILION





The Park Avenue Armory, home of the ADAA Art Show 2011 (and with Will Ryman's Roses on the mall, foreground left)



Colette in performance outside the Pavel Zoubok booth at the 2011 ADAA Art Show

SHOW AND TELL by Walter Robinson











With at least a dozen art fairs in New York City opening this week, it's hard not to feel exhausted before you even get started. One big advantage of the new fair of video art, dubbed Moving Image and opening tomorrow over at the Tunnel on 11th Avenue in Chelsea, is that you presumably get to sit down to watch the monitors.

Otherwise, it's one long stroll. No fair is more amenable to this approach than the Art Show, Mar. 2-6, 2011, at the Park Avenue Armory, now in its 23rd year, courtesy the Art Dealers Association of America. For all you art-fair haters out there, it's easier than you might think to have a good time: You just walk around, look at artworks, and chat with gallery staff and your friends.

Meanwhile, for those actually present at the Park Avenue Armory gala, the event was enlivened by a performance by Colette -- officially, a Mademoiselle Lumière Apparition -- who had works at the booth of Pavel Zoubok Gallery, the Fluxus collage specialist who is a new ADAA member as well as a new Art Show exhibitor. Dressed in a ruched white satin gown complete with train, Colette posed like a statue for 30 minutes, holding an oversized white "pearl" in one hand and occasionally shifting position.