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The Week in Art: MAD Channels Hieronymus Bosch, Seal Serenades the Whitney

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Zoe Buckman at the Museum of Arts and Design's The Garden of Earthly Delights Gala. Courtesy of Benjamin Lozovsky/BFA.

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.

The Museum of Arts and Design's The Garden of Earthly Delights Gala Hosted by Roger Vivier It was the height of luxury at the Americas Society on May 19, where the Museum of Arts and Design transformed the Neo-Federal Upper East Side townhouse into a lush forest to match the evening's theme, inspired by Hieronymus Bosch's iconic The Garden of Earthly Delights.

Guests, who included artists Hank Willis Thomas and Zoe Buckman, model Tali Lennox, the Art Production Fund's Casey Fremont, and MAD chief curator Shannon R. Stratton, enjoyed Dom Perignon champagne, Pointy Snout caviar served on camel bone spoons, and a bottle of absinthe at each place setting, among other extravagant delights.

The evening honored artist Ghada Amer, who MAD trustee Mike De Paola praised for her work's "fearless mix of politics, Arabic tradition, and Western liberalism." A benefit auction featuring work by Amer, Sebastian Errazuriz, and others runs online through May 31.



L to R: Britt Maren, Lily Kwong, Bettina Prentince, Cleo Wade, Sofia Sanchez de Betak at the Museum of Arts and Design's The Garden of Earthly Delights Gala. Courtesy of Benjamin Lozovsky/BFA.



L to R: Maria Borges, Molly Howard, Tracy Dubb, Nell Diamond, and Meredith Melling at the Museum of Arts and Design's The Garden of Earthly Delights Gala. Courtesy of Benjamin Lozovsky/BFA.