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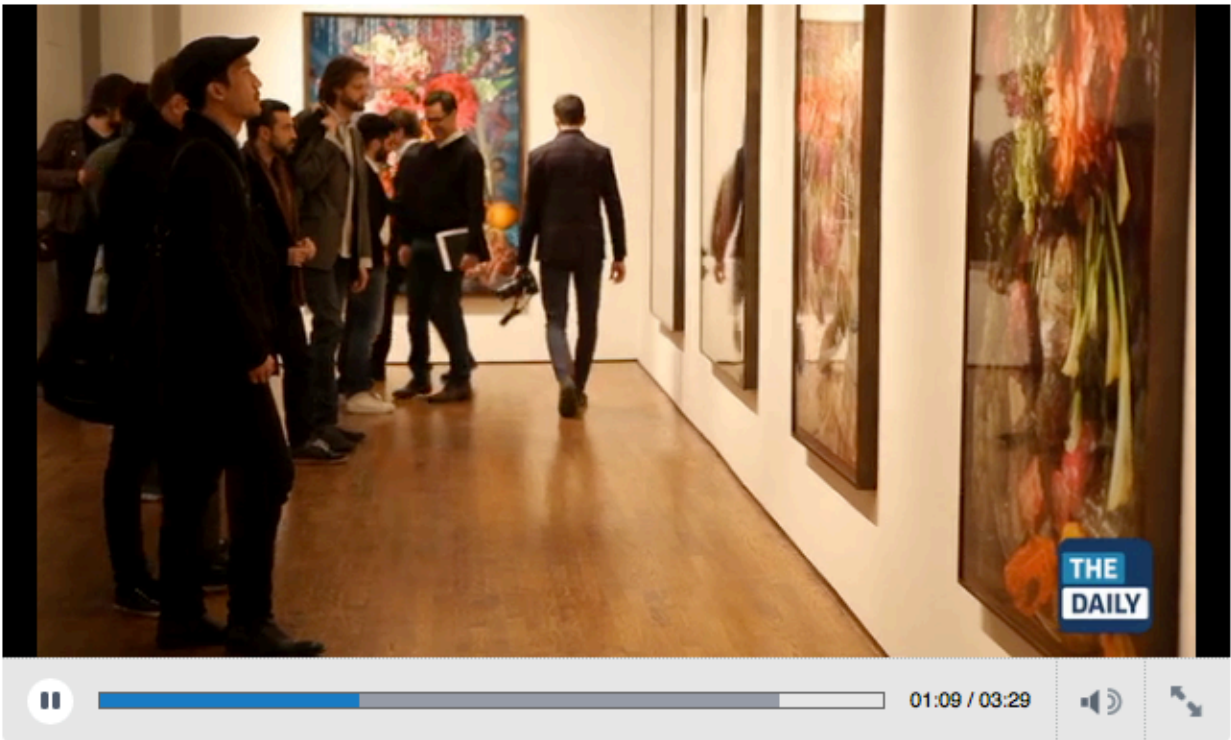
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LaChapelle's show

A behind-the-scenes look at the photographer's new exhibition



Celebrated commercial photographer-turned-visual artist David LaChapelle's latest exhibition, a series of 10 large-scale photographs called "Earth Laughs in Flowers," is now on display at Fred Torres Collaborations in New York City. The collection juxtaposes Baroque floral still lifes with modern-day items such as cellphones, cigarette butts and Starbucks coffee cups, in an effort to explore "contemporary vanity, vice, the transience of earthly possessions and, ultimately, the fragility of humanity."

The Daily caught up with the 48-year-old LaChapelle at the Chelsea gallery to discuss the inspiration behind his photographs, how celebrity culture has changed since he shot for magazines like Rolling Stone and Vogue, and what he remembers about working with Whitney Houston.

— Interview by Rich Juzwiak; Video by Lara Glaswand and Olivia Lin