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David LaChapelle

The Power Of Flowers And Friends

A line stretched out of the gallery at Fred Torres Collaborations, but it wasn't for Madonna. David LaChapelle's new photography show, "Earth Laughs In Flowers," is devoid of the celebrity images that made him famous. The painterly photos feature Baroque flowers surrounded by modern disarray such as pill bottles, cigarettes and cellphones.

A very tightly squeezed crowd, which included Courtney Love, Daphne Guinness, model Hana Soukupova and night-life icon Amanda Lepore, mingled as Adele hits played (Mr. LaChapelle is a great fan.)

Fab 5 Freddy was happy to celebrate his old friend. The pair met on Mr. LaChapelle's first paid assignment as a photographer, when he was asked to photograph the graffiti artist. "Years later when we would meet he would say 'Oh my God, that was the first job I was paid to shoot.' I was like, 'Get the hell out of here!'" Fab 5 Freddy said. "We've been friends ever since."

—Adrienne Gaffney