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Next on my agenda was the Art Production Fund's *Good and Plenty Benefit* at the Park Avenue Armory, which it turned out was only one block from the Damton party.

The Art Production Fund was honoring **John Demsey**, Group President, the Estee Lauder Companies and Chairman of the M-A-C AIDS Fund. He was being honored for his philanthropic endeavors in support of the arts. Mr. Demsey is a very popular man about town, highly respected for his professionalism and for his natural generosity, aside from what he does for the Art World.

Also being honored was **Clarissa Dalrymple** for her Commitment to the Arts.

The Arts in New York seems like a flourishing industry these days. Perhaps it's been such for a long time and I've never noticed. I know there have been hundreds, maybe thousands of galleries in business down through the past eight or nine decades, but the public participation in art organizations like Art Production Fund (as only one example) is noticeably larger and more active.

Last night's benefit was an example of that and an example of why. They bring together a diverse group of people, always including artists, diverse in age and interest but compatible in their objective. They like the Art World. It's its own social world and iconoclastic to boot.



The crowd at cocktails last night at the Park Avenue Armory for the Art Production Fund dinner.

Amy Sacco emceed the evening. **Ryan McNamara**, **Tim Fain**, **Donna D'Cruz** were performing, and **Will Cotton** and **Chef David Burke** were providing the menu. There was so much food presented just for the cocktail hour that I thought that was the dinner.

Yvonne Force Villareal, the Art Production Fund's co-founder was there of course, with her co-founder, **Doreen Remen**, of course. I didn't see half of them (it got very crowded by 8 o'clock) but expected were **Lea Carpenter Brokaw**, **Hugh Bush**, **Jessica Craig-Martin**, **Mark Fletcher**, **Michele Gerber-Klein**, **Steven Klein**, **Amy Sacco**, **Andre Balazs**, **Amanda** and **Christopher Brooks**, **Cecily Brown** and **Nicolai Ouroussoff**, **Rachel Feinstein** and **John Currin**, **Casey Fremont**, **Zani Gugelmann**, **Nate Lowman**, **Jane Rosenblum**. **Hope Atherton**, **Lisa** and **Richard Baker**, **Anne Bass** and **Julian Lethbridge**, **Gavin Brown**, **Barabara Gladstone**, **Klaus Kertess** and **Billy Sullivan**, **Justine** and **Jeff Koons**, **Nate Lowman**, **Elizabeth Peyton**, **Jane Kaplowitz**, **David Teiger**.



Lisa Perry, Liz Goldwyn, John Demsey



Rachel and Ara Hovnanian.



Yvonne Force Villareal and Doreen Remen, the evening's co-chairs.



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John Demsey, Jonathan Favre-Luc and friends.



Amy Sacco, Tim Fain, and friends.



John Currin, Will Lanthorn, and John Arnes.



White on white.