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Kim Vernon, Justine Koons, Jeff Koons, Vincent Chaperon, Elise Overland, and Amy Sacco at the Art Production Fund Gala

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A performance piece by Eloise Fornieles

NEW YORK— Last night the **Art Production Fund**, that downtown nonprofit run by the glamorous duo of **Yvonne Force Villareal** and **Doreen Remen**, threw its annual benefit at the **Park Avenue Armory**, and it was a party to remember. In the words of **Saturday Night Live's Stefan**, it had everything: Zombie performance art (**Ryan McNamara**, standing stock-still in the midst of the cocktails, with his eyes bugged out and fingers crooked like a B-movie ghoul), ballgown hors d'oeuvre table-rinas (a server who glided around the room with a table of snacks surrounding her, worn like a dress), caviar push-pops (one of those hors d'oeuvres, delicious), judgmental nude ladder girls (artist **Eloise Fornieles**, who sat horned and naked atop a step-ladder, writing imaginary critiques of the guests on pieces of paper and letting them fall to the ground, to be picked up; one said "Was once a boy standing in his school uniform for the first time. Mother kissed him goodbye. His lip trembled"), and **Dana Schutz** portrait sittings (what it sounds like, incredibly).

Organized by onetime club queen **Amy Sacco**, the evening was lavish and surprising in all the right places — including the gift bag, which inexplicably contained a letter from **Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand**, who stated that she was "especially pleased to join my voice with yours in honoring **Clarissa Dalrymple** and **John Demsey**," the evening's honorees.

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Yvonne Force Villareal being sketched by Dana Schutz