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Drake Carr to Conduct Live Drawing Sessions at Armory Show

Carr, whose walk-ins document fleeting moments of glamour, is being presented by New York non-profit Artists Space.

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Installation view of Drake Carr's Walk-ins at New York Life Gallery, January to February 2023.

Drake Carr will conduct live drawing sessions at the Armory Show in a performance titled Housecalls.

Housecalls builds on Carr's practice of visiting collectors' homes to create commissioned portraits. At the Armory Show, he will invite people to pose for portraits, which will be drawn live during the fair.

Carr will change the booth's decor to match each sitter's home, giving fairgoers a voyeuristic look at a typically private and intimate exchange.

The project emerged from Drake's live-drawing residency 'Walk-ins' at New York Life Gallery, which took place from January to February 2023.



Drake drawing New York Life Gallery founder Ethan James Green. Photo by Jan Carlos Diaz.

Carr created over 150 drawings during the residency, capturing the likeness of artists, singers, friends, fashionistas, and others.

'I'm sort of cosplaying as a fashion illustrator,' he told artnet news in January.

Housecalls is being presented by Artists Space as this year's Armory Spotlight.

'Artists Space has played a pivotal role in positioning New York as a global leader in the art world, nurturing talents like Robert Longo, Cindy Sherman, Hito Steyerl, and Cameron Rowland during the formative stages of their careers,' said Nicole Berry, Executive Director of The Armory Show.

'They continue to champion emerging voices who are addressing pivotal social issues and inspiring reflection and engagement,' she said.

The Armory Show takes place at the Javits Center in Manhattan from 7 to 10 September. -[O]