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Scott Burton and Pamela

Jenrette (Artists Space, 155 Wooster Street): Artists Space exists to bypass the commercial galleries. The artists' works on view are chosen by other artists and have no affiliation with other galleries. Pamela Jenrette is endorsed by Larry Poons. Scott Burton by Claes Oldenburg. Mr. Burton works in that ambiguous area in which inanimate objects function on the edge of performance. (The classic instance of this is Mr. Oldenburg's "Bedroom," in which a California motel room is so deftly readjusted that it confronts us as theater.) Mr. Burton has two pieces at Artists Space. One of them is an arrangement of chairs so oddly assorted and so ambiguously disarranged that we catch ourselves wondering what fivefold encounter can have been enacted upon them. The other piece consists of a single chair of the kind that in more spendthrift times would be left out on the streets of Manhattan for someone to take away. Mr. Burton confounds our expectations by having had it cast in bronze, so that it is barely more portable than the Statue of Liberty. (It will, however, be outside on the street today and the next two Saturdays). Through Dec. 27.

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