

12 Things to Do in New York's Art World Before February 26

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Marcel Wanders, *Tempter*, 2016. Courtesy Friedman Benda, New York

Opening: “Marcel Wanders: Portraits” at Friedman Benda

A celebrated Dutch designer, art director and co-founder of the distinguished design label Moooi, Marcel Wanders has been creating objects and identities for Alessi, Bisazza, KLM, Swarovski, Puma and other major brands for over 20 years. In the wake of his stunning retrospective at Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum in 2014, Friedman Benda is presenting his first solo gallery exhibit. Here Mr. Wanders constructs a fairy tale environment filled with ghostly mirrors, abstract ceramic creatures, nude women wrapped in LED-lit clouds (which are woven from nylon and mohair threads) and an adult-size rocking unicorn, complete with sadly-hilarious metal chain stirrups.

[Friedman Benda, 515 West 26 Street, New York, 6-8 p.m.](#)

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