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An Elegant Return to Form at Independent Art Fair  
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John Miller, *Untitled (Pedestrian Series)*, 2016

Independent Art Fair is back and in fine form. Returning to TriBeCa's stylish Spring Studios after a brief dalliance farther downtown, this year's edition of the modestly scaled but elegantly curated art fair features 17 new exhibitors, out of 67 in total, spread over four floors. Though its overall vibe is still more reassuring than revolutionary, an exciting, unsettled energy runs through its exhibits, and I found it more difficult than usual to make this standout list of only 10 picks...

## Seventh Floor: Maxwell Graham / Essex Street

This Lower East Side gallery's presentation of work by three artists' artists includes John Miller's aggressively banal graytone renditions of ordinary pedestrians, some surprisingly emotional constructions of winsome detritus by Sarah Rapson, and SoIL Thornton's found piece of cardboard studded with found photographs of mirrors.