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7 Shows to See During Armory Art Week 2026

Michael E. Smith | Maxwell Graham Gallery | 9 September – 24 October

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Michael E. Smith, Maxwell Graham, New York, New York, 2026

Michael E. Smith has taken over Maxwell Graham Gallery's raw new loft with installations made from quotidian materials. The artist hangs moving blankets, drop cloths, a bed sheet and a family tablecloth over the windows, filtering the daylight and creating effects as if the gallery has stained-glass windows. *Silent Night* (all works 2026), a fleece throw printed with purple cats, glows mysteriously; *Time for dinner* drapes a comforter over a table; *Tattooing* sets a lone candle inside a box. In two of the installations (both *Untitled*), speakers play a sound file that activates kinetic elements, animating the space.