

# FRIEZE

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7 Shows to See During Armory Art Week 2026

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



Michael E. Smith, Maxwell Graham, New York, New York, 2026, Installation view. Courtesy: the artist and Maxwell Graham

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.