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"COOL" AT GEORGE ADAMS GALLERY

There's nothing like a hot and sticky New York City summer to prepare the way for the apotheosis of the humble refrigerator. To this end, George Adams Gallery at 525 West 26th Street in Chelsea gives us "Cool," July 10-Aug. 15, 2008, an exhibition of works by 12 artists and three collaborative teams. Many of the artists present images of the iconic kitchen appliance, from James Valerio's self-portrait standing next to an open fridge to Peter Saul's Icebox #6, which overflows with Pop provender. Also on hand to take one's mind off the heat: winter scenes by Rudy Shepherd, a video of a snowstorm by leonardogillesfleur, and a snow globe by Walter Martin and Paloma Munoz. The show's gala opening even included free ice cream by Miwa Koizumi.

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