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## Reza Aramesh and the Eroticism of Violence

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This might jolt a partier on a Saturday night. London-based artist Reza Aramesh has installed his haunting sculptures for '12 Midnight' at five nightclubs in NYC, including Bossa Nova Civic Club in Bushwick.

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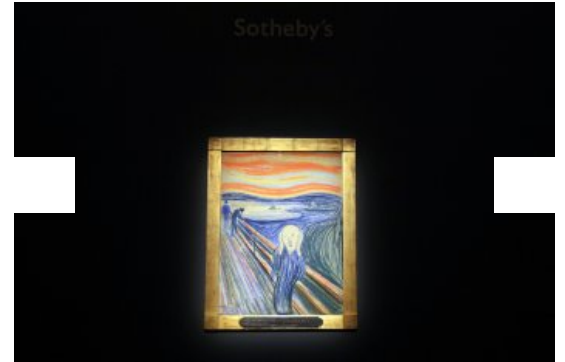
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Mixing war photography, Renaissance-style sculpture, and peep-shows, Iranian-born artist Reza Aramesh has brought to New York a poignant series of installations forcing the viewer to confront assumptions about violence, culture and sex. With images taken from war photography, and made from handcrafted lime-wood and then painted with polychrome, the busts will be installed in five nightclubs in NYC: Marquee, No. 8, Santos Party House, Sugarland, and Bossa Nova Civic Club.

The men depicted in the sculptures are erotic not only in their physique and pose, but also because Aramesh has designed them to be viewed through a box with holes -- evoking an illicit feeling associated with pornography or peep shows. Also of note for the works are the plinths upon which the sculptures rest. Not merely slabs showcasing the sculptures, the plinths are covered in graffiti by New York-based Jason Castro.

Pictured above are the truly powerful sculptures, provocatively questioning how

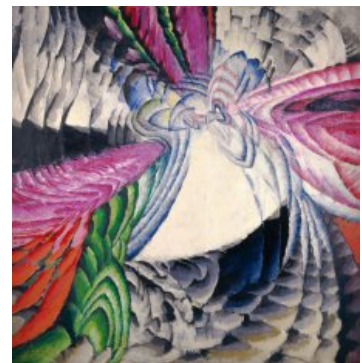
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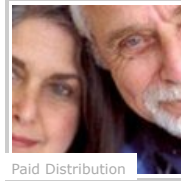
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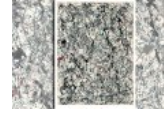
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