

### *Artists convene, chat and chow*

CHEF **Marcus Samuelsson** threw open his uptown restaurant Red Rooster to downtown art types on Friday. More than 200 artists, gallerists and insiders attended a reception for the Armory Show's "Focus: African Perspectives" program, including New York artists **Derrick Adams** and **Hank Willis Thomas**. Elsewhere, visual artists **Shirin Neshat** and **Shoja Azari** hosted an Iranian meal for more than 60 guests — including collector **Beth Rudin DeWoody**, gallerist **Leila Heller**, Duchess of Marlborough **Lily Spencer-Churchill** and Town & Country publisher **Jennifer Levene Bruno** — at their Soho loft. Experimental director **Robert Wilson** stood to give a toast, but was silent for nearly two minutes. He later was seen cutting up with jokes about his home state of Texas, a guest said. Over at the Hotel Americano, Armory Show director **Benjamin Genocchio** dined with starchitect **David Adjaye**, artist **Isaac Julien**, Performa founder **RoseLee Goldberg** and Studio Museum in Harlem director **Thelma Golden**.

