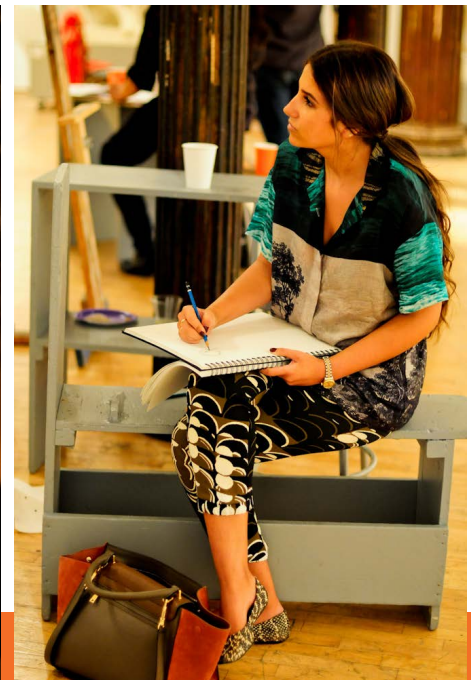
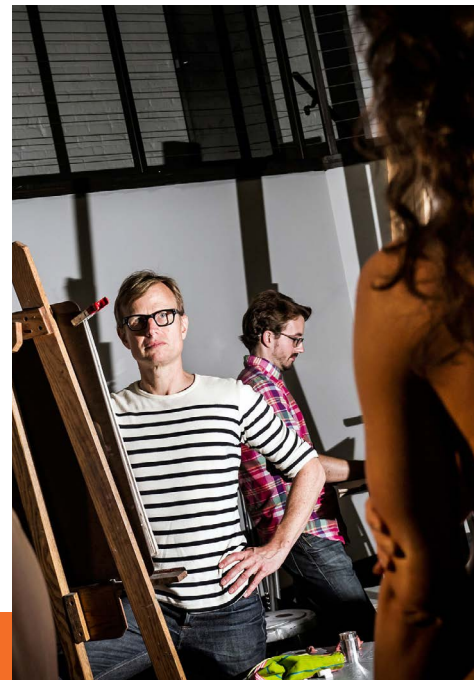


The Will Cotton Drawing Party



The Will Cotton Drawing Party is an annual event in September hosted by artist Will Cotton in support of the New York Academy of Art. Dozens of major artists gather in a studio, painting and sketching live models together in a social, intimate setting, with cocktails, DJ and special surprise models. One of the most anticipated events in the art world, no tickets are sold, and the event is by invitation only.



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My (short-lived) muse moment began when the New York Academy of Art asked me to ask if I would be a guest model at Will Cotton's annual "Take Home a Nude" drawing party. Will, as everyone knows him, is one of my favorite painters,

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How Will Cotton Gets His Friends Naked

By KAT HERRIMAN SEPT. 29, 2015



Dina Litovsky

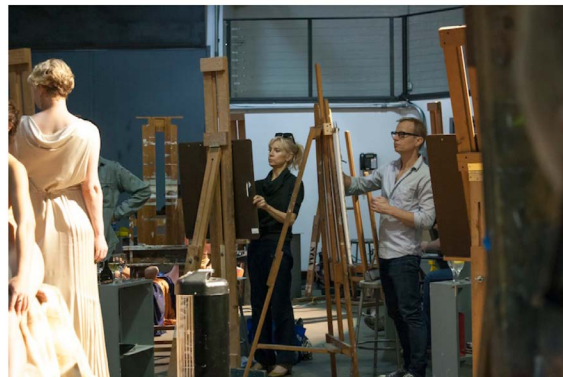
Upon walking through the double-wide metal doors of Highline Studio D in Chelsea last night, I heard something unexpected drifting through the industrial space: Seals & Croft's laid-back yacht-rock anthem "Summer Breeze." Once inside, the hazy soundscape made more sense, contextualized by the surreal sight of a live drawing session — complete with a D.J. and snacks. Reminiscent of a Hollywood set, three concentric rings of artists stood, sat and lounged with canvases, absorbed in the nude vignettes posed before them. In the center of it all, the artist Will Cotton, the evening's magnanimous host and inspiration, stood before his own easel sketching

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Will Cotton at work.

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Artists Go Back to School for Will Cotton's 'Take Home a Nude' Drawing Party

Nude models and hors d'oeuvres make a great combination.

Sarah Cascone, September 27, 2016



Will Cotton draws a model at his drawing party for the New York Academy of Art's "Take Home a Nude" auction. Courtesy New York Academy of Art.

The Drawing Party annually draws over 50 participating painters and sketchers, including some of the most well-regarded artists in the art world. Participants have included:

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RYAN MCGINNESS

INKA ESSENHIGH

DAVID HUMPHREY

JEAN-PIERRE ROY

JON KESSLER

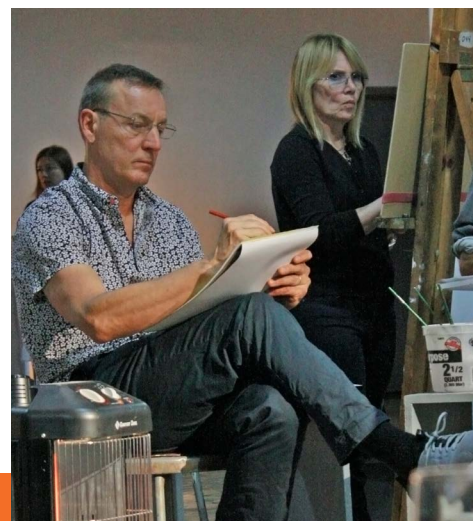
KURT KAUPER

HILARY HARKNESS

DUNCAN HANNAH

KALUP LINZY

WALTER ROBINSON



Every year, in addition to the professional artists models, there are always few surprise guest models, including actors, musicians, fashion designers, writers, editors, and art curators. Past surprise guest models have included:



India Salvor Menezes



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PADMA LAKSHMI

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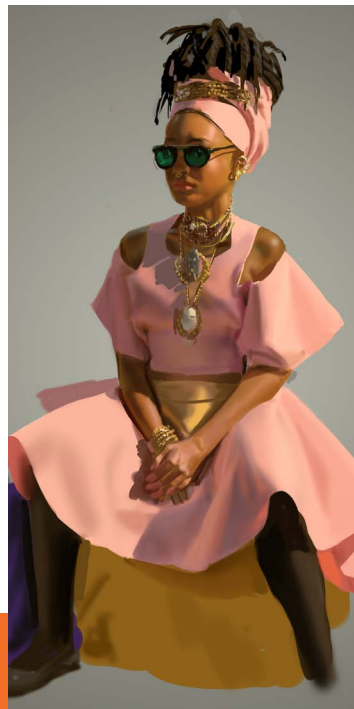
ARDEN WOHL

CYNTHIA ROWLEY

CLARISSA DALRYMPLE

INDIA SALVOR MENUEZ

The works created at the Drawing Party go up for sale at Take Home a Nude, an annual benefit auction for the New York Academy of Art held at Sotheby's in October.





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