

ART GALLERIES—CHELSEA

**Denzil Forrester**

Expressionist paintings by the Grenada-born British artist, made in the early eighties, memorialize late nights at Afro-Caribbean dub and reggae clubs. (The painter Peter Doig co-curated the show with the nonprofit gallery's director, Matthew Higgs.) Crude at first look, they cunningly sacrifice finesse for you-are-there, visceral sensations of bodies in motion. Black faces and sharp contours hold the picture plane. Fulminant colors—purple, orange, maroon—advance like “the light that breaks through a forest,” Forrester has said. No one can paint music, but this work succeeds in incarnating its convulsive effects.

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