

The Approval Matrix: Week of November 16, 2015

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies. Mouse over or tap the image for related links. Published Nov 15, 2015

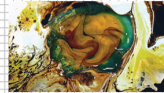
HIGHBROW



The Mizzou **mess**.



Financial Times, Bloomberg TV, CNBC censor \$170 million naked Modigliani. But not because the price was **obscene**.



Rachel Rose's **trippy** *Everything and More* video at the Whitney: NASA meets ketamine!



Henry IV, set inside a women's prison, at St. Ann's Warehouse. Makes sense, given that "There live not three **good men** unchanged in England."

With the release of *Supplication: Selected Poems*, and his journals, the late poet John Wieners **gets his due**.



The restrained **japery** of Francesco Vezzoli and David Hallberg's Renaissance dance at St. Bart's church as part of Performa.



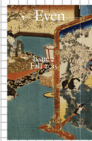
The Mormon church moves toward excluding the **children** of gay couples.



Our digital oligarchs: Amazon and Google (er, Alphabet) **suck up** half the spoils from the \$300 billion internet economy.



Maybe Shia LaBeouf's #AllMyMovies marathon was really about what it's like to live **only on popcorn**.



The **old-school-by-young-people** smarty-pants arts journal *Even's* second issue.

Roni Horn's tribute to Robert Ryman at the Dia Art Foundation benefit: Ryman once loaned her **\$6,000!**



... Meanwhile, Taylor Mac's genre-queer *Hir*, at Playwrights Horizons, on how liberation can become another form of control.

Mary Gaitskill's *The Mare*: Kinky sex has nothing on the **class divide**.



According to *Variety*, Fox initially didn't want Jon Singleton to direct *Empire* episodes because he **hadn't** done TV before.

Anonymous Change.org petition asked that the **T** be taken out of LGBT ...



Seattle theater critic offered his plus-ones for sale in the **M4W** portion of Craigslist.



Deborah Kass's reversible **OY/YO** sculpture lands in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Jordanian director Naji Abu Nowar's desert coming-of-age thriller *Theeb* at times plays like a **corrective** to *Lawrence of Arabia*.



Dada Woof Papa Hot, Peter Parnell's play about white, privileged, **gay NYC dads** at LCT.

DESPICABLE



The George Will-Bill O'Reilly **Fox feud**.



Overcaffeinated, overhyped Christian Starbucks conspiracies.



Self-hate-watching *The Bedford Stop*.

On neverlikeditanyway.com, you can buy someone's old **wedding dress**.



Gothamist reels in a hoax: that "**three-eyed**" catfish caught in the Gowanus.



Indonesia might use **crocodiles** to guard drug prisoners because they can't be bribed.

There are more exclusive apartment listings priced over \$15,000 a month than there are exclusive listings priced below \$2,000 in Manhattan. Is there a Craigslist for **millionaire roommates?**



Vivica Fox **implies** her ex 50 Cent is maybe a little bit gay on Andy Cohen's show ...

New study shows that all grilled meat increases chances of kidney cancer. So Dad was trying to **kill the whole family** every Fourth of July.



The clip-in

BRILLIANT



The Lowline Lab, on Essex Street, shows how one day we might **raise food underground**.



Jeanne Gang's **Gaudiesque** American Museum of Natural History expansion.

Leafs by Snoop, **Dogg's** personally branded line of cannabis products. We're wondering what Lamar Odom might have up his sleeve.

The **angelic** Jeff Buckley posthumous covers album, *You and I*.



The delightful **cat** taxonomy *All Black Cats Are Not Alike*.



Le1f's rubbery "**trap banger**" single, "Umami/Water."



Grimes's new single "Kill V. Maim," the latest best **dance-around-in-your-underwear** song.

Wendy Williams is renewed till 2022 (And yes, Donald Trump, that's a **wig**).



... Unrelated: 50 Cent explained on Brit TV that the bullet fragment in his tongue is "good for **oral sex**."



There are two *Jurassic World* sequels coming (it was **bred** with trilogy DNA all along, it turns out).



Steem: caffeinated peanut butter. Pair it with alcoholic jelly, and you have a **four 10k**.