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Art Barter

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ART BARTER was launched in London November last year and featured the works of artists including Tracey Emin, Gary Hume, Mat Collishaw and Gavin Turk. After another successful show in Berlin, ART BARTER has made its way to New York City.

Inspired by The Burning Man Festival, nothing is for sale but everything available to barter. One show saw Tracey Emin exchange her work for 30 hours of French tuition, while Jason Dodge bartered his efforts for a week in a Scottish Castle.

There is, however, another twist: you don't know which artwork belongs to which artist until after the show is over. So the audience must value the art without the guide of any price tag or name attached. If you are lucky enough to be in New York City between 9 and 12 December, head to the NP Contemporary Arts Centre at 131 Chrystie Street and take a gamble.