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“Maripolarama: Perverse City”

The influential artist Maripol exposes the see-and-be-seeners of New York's '80s underground art world

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The influential '80s artist/fashion designer/filmmaker Maripol is known for her candid Polaroid snaps of New York's underground art scene. She photographed [Deborah Harry](#), [Grace Jones](#), [Andy Warhol](#), [Jean-Michel Basquiat](#), [Patti Astor](#) and [Madonna](#). The exhibit “Maripolarama: Perverse City” features some of these photos — blown up to larger sizes — which reveal the party lifestyle of the era's artistic set.

Also featured in the show are a handful of Maripol's larger, black-and-white Polaroids from her *Address Book* series. The photos feature recent, lesser-known faces from today's world of entertainment. These are less party shots than straight-up portraits: Each person is posed simply, alone or next to a loved one. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Through July 4. [Deborah Colton](#) Gallery, 2500 Summer. For information, call 713-869-5151 or visit [www.deborahcoltongallery.com](#). Free. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 2008



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