

THE APPROVAL MATRIX

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.

HIGHBROW

Russian Suprematist artist Malevich's burial site is found—under a Moscow housing development.



The façade of Rafael Vinoly's "walkie-talkie" building in London acts as a parabolic mirror, focusing the sun and partly melting a parked car...



...Oddly, this happened before, to sunbathers by the pool by the curvy-glassy Vdara hotel he designed in Vegas.



Jack Nicholson retirement rumors.

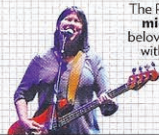
NYU president John Sexton tells *The New Yorker* that the school's expansion is merely part of the expansion of the **mystical noosphere**.

TRUE or FALSE? Steve Lambert's interactive artwork (coming to Times Square), which allows you to vote on the proposition below, is **simple-minded**.



The one-percent strategy saves Broadway! Attendance is down 8 percent, but **high ticket prices** made up for it.

The Pixies in **post-punk middle age** replace beloved bassist Kim Deal with another woman named Kim.



Marc Arthur's **end-of-summer reenactment** of Tadeusz Kantor's 1967 *Panoramic Sea Happenings*.

St. Ann's Warehouse finally has a **permanent home** in the Tobacco Warehouse ...

...Meanwhile, after **giving up its home**, New York City Opera seems to be brilliantly homeless ...



A study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* shows that storms like Sandy might be made **less likely by climate change**.



Saint Laurent Paris chooses **unassuming New York painter** Matt Connor's work for its fall campaign.

Poet Seamus Heaney's last words: "**Noli timere**," Latin for "Don't be afraid," in a text message to his wife.

... And, in Fire Island Pines, Lee Hoiby's Julia Child opera, *Bon Appétit*, bakes a cake for men who **avoided dessert** all summer.



Marguerite Derriks's beautiful "**good-bye dance**" featuring the cast of the canceled *Bunheads*.

DESPICABLE



The cheap new name for Christian de Portzamparc's 400 Park Avenue South building: **Sky Couture**.

This magazine declared the block of Broome between Allen and Eldridge the **smelliest in NYC**. Now there's a perfume of that odor.

Kanye performed "**Can't Tell Me Nothing**" as he serenaded the grandson of Kazakhstan's longtime dictator, Nursultan Nazarbayev.



Scores is opening in the Trump Taj Mahal.

This concrete Eames chair looks **comfy**.



The Secret Life of the American Teenager's Shailene Woodley tells *Flaunt* magazine that she **makes her own** toothpaste, cheese, lotion—and medicine.



Dr. Doom **doesn't need a hot tub** to party.



The original Odessa on Avenue A closes. And so ends the era of **junkies nosing on pierogis**.



Joe Lhota claims that he is, in fact, **huggable**.

Alyssa Milano's Funny or Die "sex tape" is actually a **pretty cogent summary** of the Syria situation.



Between his debate truth-telling, weatherman stint, ragga toast, and bakery confrontation, **Anthony Weiner has nothing left to lose** (other than the election).



Coheed and Cambria's **adorable teddy-bear video** for "Number City."

Jordan Tisdale's **brilliantly goofy** turn in *The Cheaters Club*.



This Replacements **concert T-shirt**. (Like.)



The **kinky** way that people in Tompkins Square Park taped up the hands and feet of Fanny Allie's sculpture *Serendipity*.

New Nets coach Jason Kidd buys .067 percent of the team from Jay-Z. Now onto the other **98.933 problems**.



The Sprinkles **cupcake ATM** on the Upper East Side.



Carla Rhodes and her dummy Cecil, **dressed in a dog costume**, singing "We and Little Andy" at the *Titanics* tribute to Dolly Parton.

BRILLIANT

LOWBROW