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9 ART EVENTS TO ATTEND IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEK

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James Welling, 4776, 2015, inkjet print.
COURTESY THE ARTIST AND DAVID ZWIRNER, NEW YORK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Opening: Nikolai Ishchuk at Denny Gallery

Nikolai Ishchuk's work could be considered photography, but it looks like anything but that. The London-based artist's work is largely about destroying or distorting photographic images, twisting and turning his prints until they seem closer to sculptures or paintings. The joy of Ishchuk's work is trying to figure out what the artist sees as being similar between photography and the other mediums he's in dialogue with. Here, for his new show at Denny gallery, titled "Penumbra," he's mostly concerned with sculpture. What happens when a photography leaps off the wall and becomes another object entirely? The answers, though decidedly cryptic and abstract, are fascinating.

Denny Gallery, 261 Broome Street, 6–8 p.m.

Panel: "Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Moment, 25 Years Later" at the New Museum

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the obscenity trial spurred by Robert Mapplethorpe's exhibition, "The Perfect Moment," FotoFocus and the New Museum are hosting a panel discussion featuring curators from the Guggenheim, the Getty Museum, and LACMA, as well as a legal expert in the field. Together, the group will talk about the importance of the controversial 1989 Cincinnati show as well as the evolving effect it has had on photography as a whole and on curatorial approaches to Mapplethorpe's work.

New Museum, New Museum theater, 235 Bowery, 7 p.m.



Mapplethorpe's *Ken Moody and Robert Sherman*, 1984.
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