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THE NEW MUSEUM

When the firebrand curator Marcia Tucker was fired from the Whitney, in 1976, after organizing a brutally received show by a young artist (Richard Tuttle, who is now famous), she didn't look for another job. Instead, she founded a new museum, which opened the following year in gallery space at the New School. Forty years later, the New Museum's eye-catching building on the Bowery hors the cutting-edge art scene of the Lower East Side. On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2–3, it celebrates forty years by staying open late—until 8 P.M.—and waiving admission. It has paired up forty artists for a series of hour-long conversations, from George Condo and Jeff Koons to Simone Leigh and Lorraine O'Grady. (Tickets cost five dollars per chat and can be purchased online.)—Andrea K. Scott