

EDWARD THORP GALLERY  
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**WEEKEND Arts** MOVIES  
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**The New York Times**

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**Galleries: Chelsea**

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**★ 'PAINTINGS, FLAGS & IRON: HAITIAN ART FROM THE LAST FIFTY YEARS'** This splendid exhibition offers total immersion in the originality and continued vitality of Haiti's self-taught artists. Works by well-known painters like Hector Hyppolite, Toussaint Auguste and Rigaud Benoit range across religion, history and everyday themes. They include still lifes, landscapes and Pierre Joseph Valcin's enthralling rendering of a maternity ward. The forged and welded sculptures of Georges Liautaud and Gabriel Bien-Aimé are on a par with Bill Traylor's antic silhouette drawings. And there are no words for the extravagantly sequined and beaded flags depicting Voodoo spirits and saints, except fabulous. Edward Thorp Gallery, 210 11th Avenue, at 25th Street, (212) 691-6565, through April 21. (Smith)