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## The Artists' Artist: Their Favorite Exhibitions of 2008

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To take stock of the past year, Artforum contacted an international group of artists to find out which exhibitions were, in their eyes, the very best of 2008.

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"The Collections of Barbara Bloom" (Martin-Gropius-Bau Berlin) In Bloom's art, a show becomes a collection; a collection becomes a book; a book becomes an exhibition. Beautiful objects in perfectly orchestrated displays seem to guide you, with elegance and with a smile, from room to room—and from page to page. But her art is not about ownership or materialism; it is not about a "body" of "work." It is about the magic of a playful mind. Her art takes its time.