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IN BRIEF

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Lennon, Weinberg, New York. For five weeks, this gallery became a high-end design showroom, with digitally generated wallpaper by fifteen artists-published by fabricator/entrepreneur Ron Keyson-hung floor to ceiling and end to end. Some of the artists dutifully embraced the convention of the repeated pattern; others ignored it entirely, taking a muralist's approach. Ever interested in time, Douglas Gordon's yardage was patterned with tiny video stills, taken in one-second intervals from his Play Dead: Real Time (the video with the elephant recently on view at MoMA). By this measure, up to eight hours of wallpaper could be customordered. Elsewhere, surprises were few-but, at the end of the day, who wants to be surprised by wallpaper? -Stephen Maine