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Patti at the gallery, 11th St.



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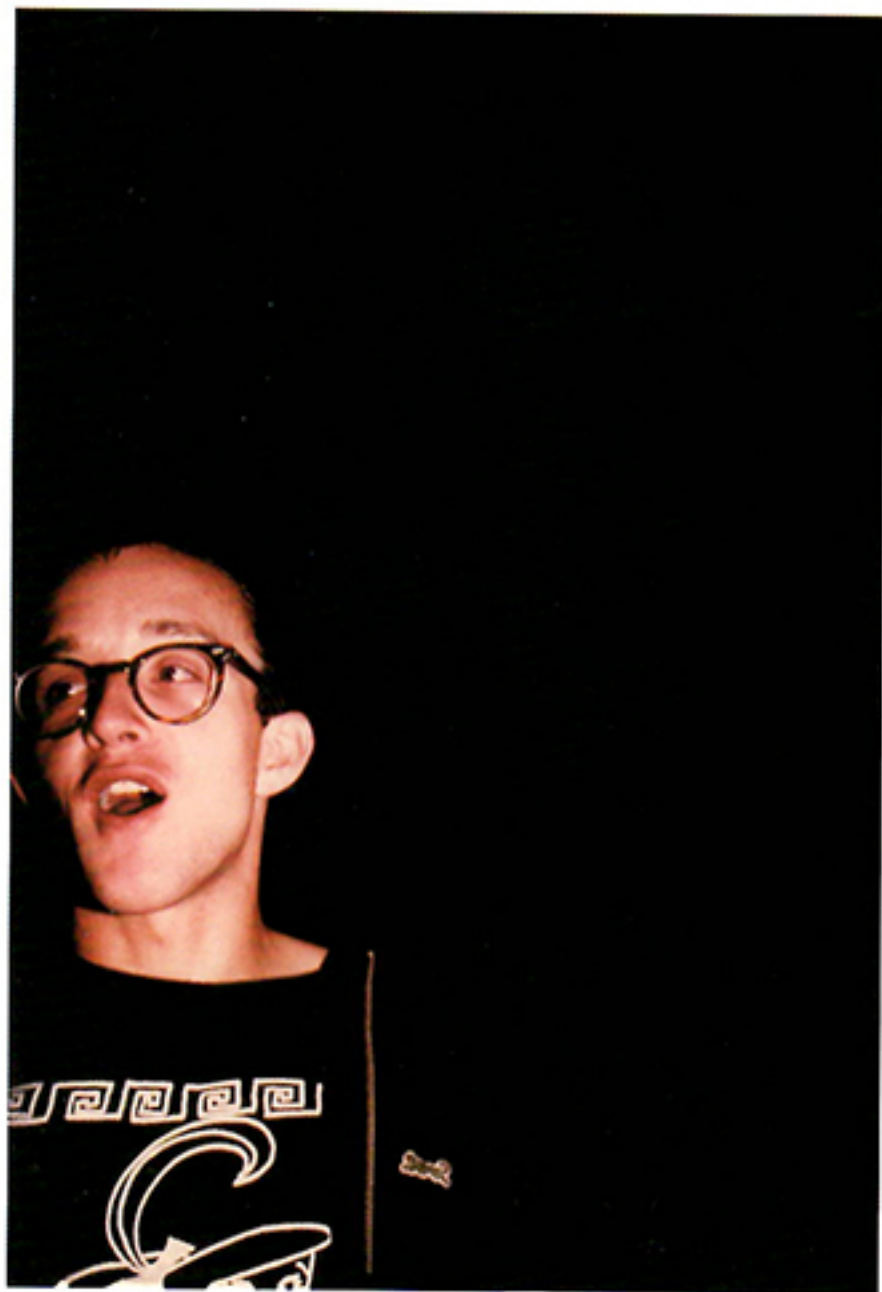


KEITH HARING, JFK - JR, AND FAB 5 FREDDY



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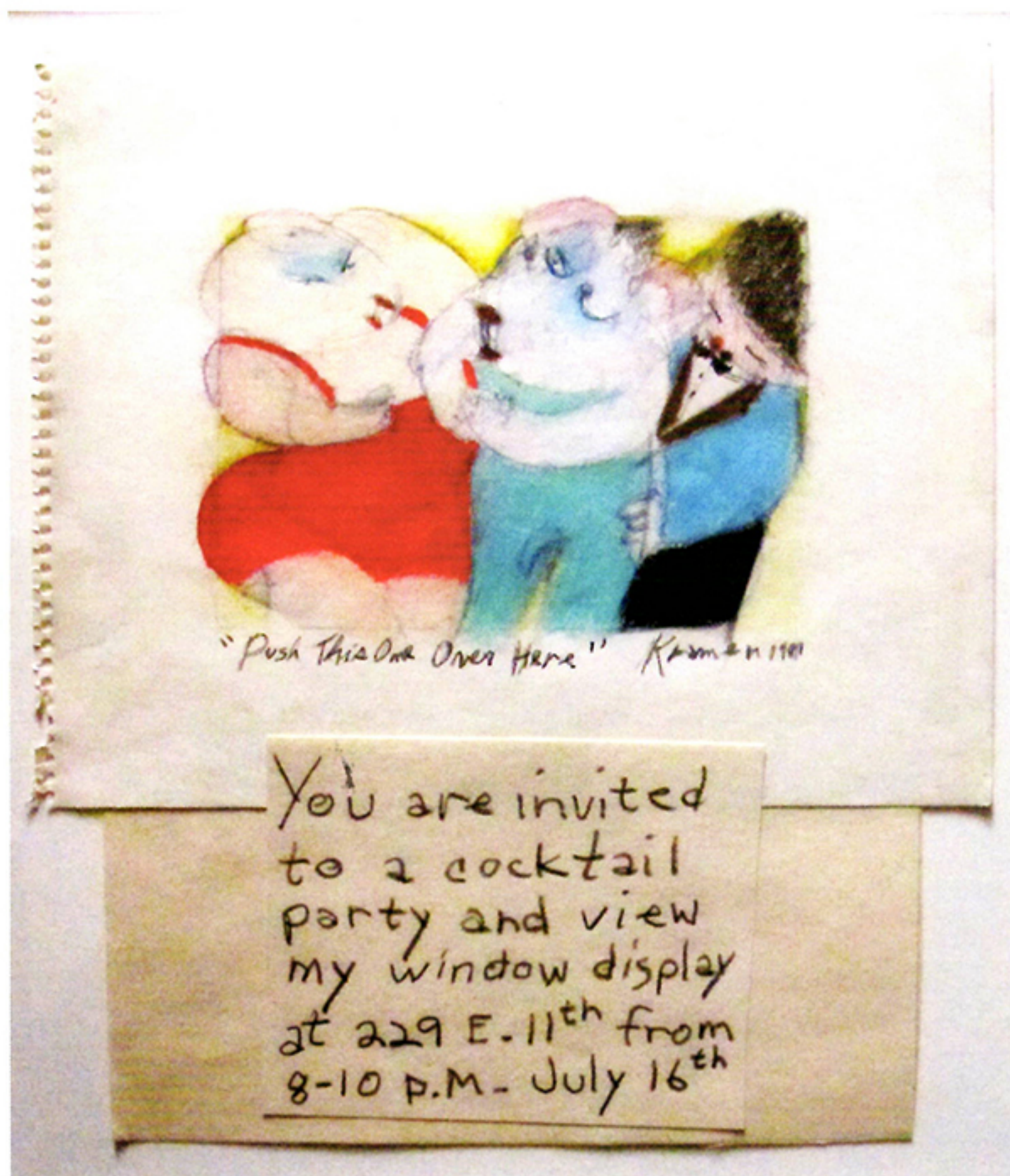
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PATTI ASTOR AT THE FUN GALLERY



PATTI AND FAB IN FRONT OF FUN GAL



AFTER THE FIRST SHOW, Patti Astor wanted a more dedicated venue and she got it by borrowing about a small 8-foot by 25-foot space on East 11th Street from her friend Bill Stelling, who then became her partner in the Fun Gallery. This new gallery had no name at the time of the first show (by artist Steven Kramer) in August. In a true democratic style Patti said that each artist could choose the name of the gallery for their own show. It wasn't until the second show that Kenny Scharf came up with the name that would stick...the Fun Gallery. However, the Fun Gallery wasn't the only edgy game in town in the early 80s. Speaking about Fashion Moda, the Bronx and ABC No Rio in the Lower East Side, Fab 5 Freddy explains, "Just think about [them] as alternative spaces which were opened up by some radical artists and activists...they were trying to set up an alternative to the established art world that was doing boring, lame stuff."

After several one-man shows (by artists Fab 5 Freddy, Kiely Jenkins, Futura, Jane Dickson, Dondi White and Arlene Nelson and Lee) and Rene Ricard's article in ARTFORUM magazine, the Fun Gallery relocated to a larger space on East 10th Street in Fall '82. Kenny Scharf opened in September, with Keith Haring showing in February '83. At its heyday the Fun Gallery attracted a record crowd of 800 people to the East Village.