

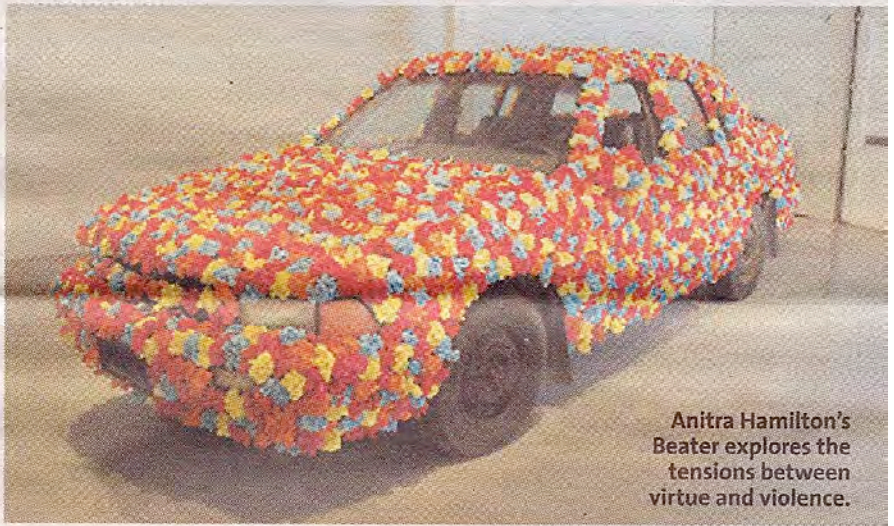
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art 2007 TOP 10

DAVID JAGER, LEAH SANDALS
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Top 10 Art Shows

With Nuit Blanche getting bigger – though a bit too chaotic – and an OCAD student threatening the ROM, T.O.'s art scene gave us lots to talk about. Here are the shows that made us believe in the transformative power of visual art.



Anitra Hamilton's Beater explores the tensions between virtue and violence.

7 ANITRA HAMILTON: BEATER at Mercer Union and MOCCA

Torontonians don't often get to beat a pom-pom-festooned car with sledgehammers, piñata-style. But they rose to the challenge when an opportunity was offered by Hamilton's Beater this summer. Whether channelling road rage or Kyoto angst, Hamilton's henchpeople personified eerie real-world tensions between violence and virtue, savagery and spectacle. Deadly smart.

"Anitra Hamilton: Beater at Mercer Union and MOCCA," Top 10 Art Shows for 2007, *Now Magazine*, December 27-January 2, 2008, p. 58