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## CHOCOLATE SHOW

# To make Willy Wonka salivate

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Like drug addicts, they waited in line for their fix.

Not methadone, but chocolate.

"I'm a confirmed chocoholic. I was diagnosed years ago," said Andrea Herman, a Brooklyn Heights-based business consultant attending the first day of the Chocolate Show, an emporium of "haute couture" confections such as green tea truffles and chile pepper-vanilla chocolate bars.

The show, now in its seventh year, will draw more than 25,000 consumers to the Metropolitan Pavilion in Chelsea before it ends Sunday.

But while many visitors are hunting for items not yet available in the United States, from French, Belgian and Japanese chocolate makers, more and more of the show's 75 exhibitors are U.S. companies creating the kind of artisanal, high-quality delicacies once available only in Europe.



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Amid fountains of chocolate, Ben Donald, 11, of Maplewood, N.J., savors a confection at the Chocolate Show in Chelsea.