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## Ground Floor makes 'nine' happen

Art event in found space offers wide mix

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Louisville's gypsy gallerists are at it again.

Their motto is "Make things happen."

The latest art event conceived by The Ground Floor happens tomorrow night at 1018 W. Main St., with 26 works by nine artists and music by two bands and a DJ.

The Ground Floor is a 2-year-old group of four Louisville women artists who organize occasional exhibitions in available empty space. The format is a two-day art show with an extravaganza of an opening that draws crowds in the hundreds.

This exhibit is called "nine."

Why "nine"?

"No reason in particular," said Ground Floor member Sara Robinette. "It happened to be the number of artists that we could support for this show, as well as the number that was available for showing. It was not premeditated. Just worked out."

She said it started when the building's owner, Bill Marzian, contacted the group, which includes Amanda Bishop, Jesse Levesque and Cynda Bishop. (The fifth founding member, Teresa Huarte, recently moved to Portland, Ore.)

"He has this beautiful three-story loft space on Main Street," said Robinette. "It was empty, and we just couldn't pass up the opportunity."

The notion behind this show is

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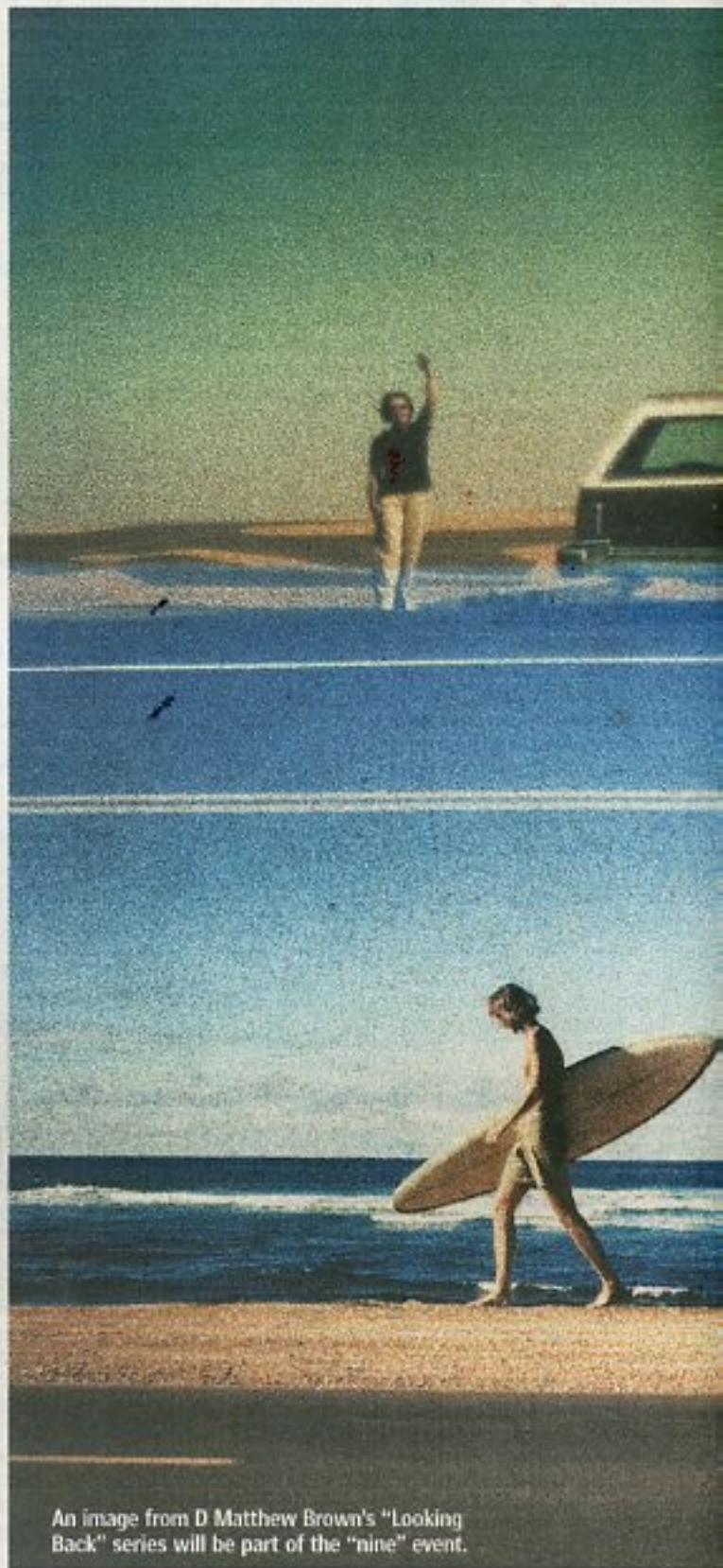
- ▶ **Where:** 1018 W. Main St.
- ▶ **When:** 6-11 p.m. tomorrow with bands, bar, food and art. Noon-4 p.m. Sunday, art only
- ▶ **Admission:** Free.
- ▶ **Information:** (502) 592-1526 or [www.thegroundfloorgallery.com](http://www.thegroundfloorgallery.com).

"creating an atmosphere where one might 'imagine' original art in their own home," she said.

Past Ground Floor events have been more strongly theme-based. The group's first show in April 2006 was "Inhale," art about air at Riverbend Winery. "Ignite," in January 2007 at the Glassworks building, was about fire. "Dig," in June 2007 in a vacant Main Street building, was about earth.

"Nine has no significance in any of the artists' work at this show," Robinette said.

The mission behind the group is to show innovative art, celebrate creative potential in and around Louisville and engage the public to appreciate and buy art. All the artists in "nine" are from Louisville except for photographer D Matthew Brown of Asheville, N.C. The other artists are Lindsey Dobson, Thea Lura, Gillian Mosvold, Gibbs Rounsavall, Colin Miller, Clare Hirn, Jonathan Miles Stich and Mike Linzy. The 26 pieces on view encompass video, painting, sculpture and mixed media.



An image from D Matthew Brown's "Looking Back" series will be part of the "nine" event.