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# DETROIT "DIRTY" ART SHOW

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Motor City's never been filthier.

**W**hen you think of Detroit the first word that comes to mind is usually one of the following: murder, crime or rust. Art is way, way down on the list. But for the past seven years Detroit has gotten dirty. Real dirty. The Dirty Show® has become what just might be the largest erotic art exhibition in the US of A. Once an office party—a small soiree packed with Detroit low society scenesters and sex fiends—it now packs in more than 5,000 people at the annual event held in an industrial warehouse in a properly seedy area of the city. Over 350 artists (narrowed down from thousands) feature fine-art smut from artists gathered from all over the world.

In addition to the steamy sculpture and well-hung art on the wall, the Dirty Show® featured live weirdness on stage. The thespians of Stripper Theatre combined the bump and grind with classic play scenes, the hotties of the Fat Bottom Girls did dance routines to Queen favorites and other troupes included Hell's Belles and Causing a Scene. For more messy details go to [thedirtyshow.org](http://thedirtyshow.org).

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1. Russian painter Nina, Magda, Cartown's Queen of Burlesque & Sparkly Devil. 2. Sin neon sculpture by John Ortegas. 3. Shaylynn and the long arm of the law. 4. Danka Shame! It's Hell's Belle. 5. One of the four Gallery rooms. 6. Two art lovers drink in the atmosphere. 7. Shaylynn takes a bow with dancers and Dirty curator Jerry Vile. 8. Colin Cristian's Snaccake sculpture with removable banana. 9. Up against the wall art lovers!

