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the list of best live music venues. And the late, great Gravity Lounge? Even with \$200,000 worth of financial woes that shut it down, you still think the venue was pretty essential. Might we see The Southern—the venue formerly known as Gravity—on this list next year?


 ENTERTAINMENT

PLACE TO SHAKE YOUR RUMP

The X Lounge

Runner-up: Rapture

If The X Lounge has the best dance party, and you also believe it to have the sexiest atmosphere, ergo, wouldn't it also make sense that the Downtown night spot is the best place to shake your rump? You readers are so intuitive.

VISUAL ARTIST

Sharon Shapiro

Runner-up: Clay Witt and Edward Thomas (tie)

For someone who's coming up on her second year as Best Visual Artist in Charlottesville, the contemporary painter has sure been spending a lot of time in Amherst. Shapiro has a residency there at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, where she's undoubtedly been conjuring up some new work. Gearing up for year three, are we?

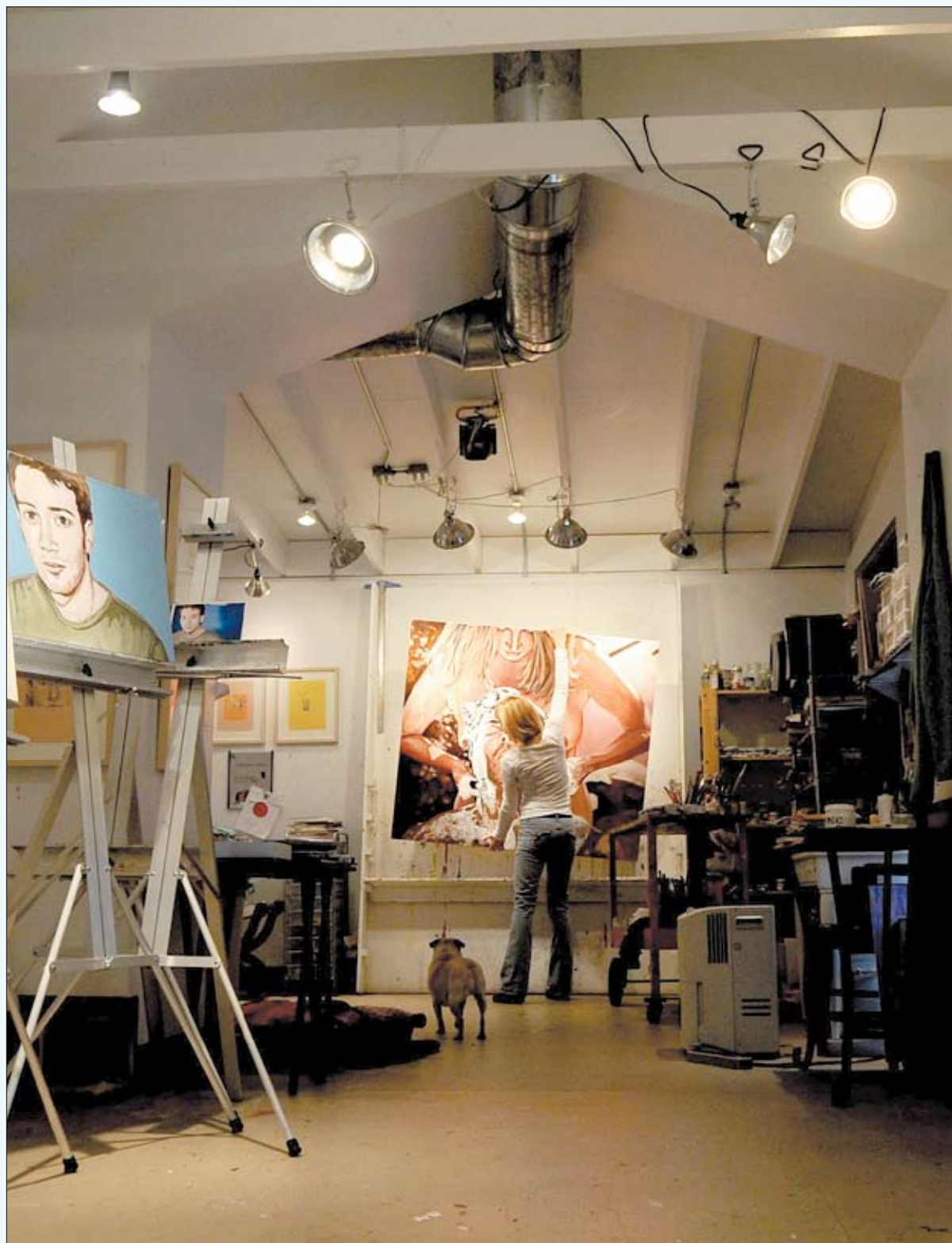
LOCAL WEBSITE

cVillain.com

Runner-up: c-ville.com

Easy come, easy go. Here's a simple math equation we think delicately explains C-VILLE's presence as "runner-up" in this category, in light of the recent shutdown of local gossip blog cVillain: $2-1=1$. Now, adjust your answer accordingly.

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