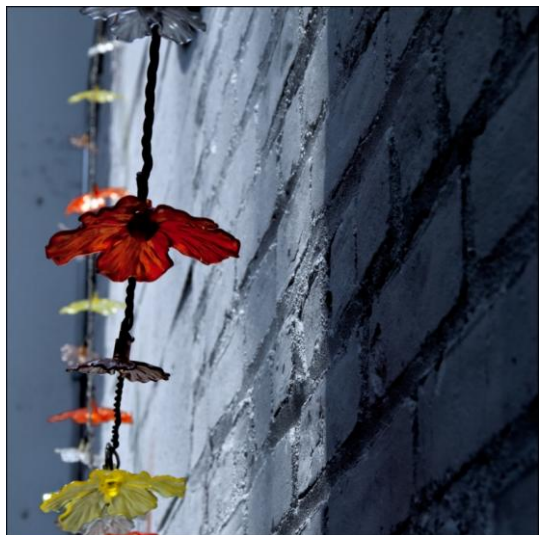


Myrtle Windows Gallery presents: *ordinary wonderful*

A solo exhibition celebrating everyday beauty by Brooklyn-based artist Trevor Brown



CLINTON HILL, BROOKLYN, February 26, 2009 – From March 3rd to April 1st, three blocks of Myrtle Avenue will again play host to the *Myrtle Windows Gallery*, an open-air art gallery of ten storefront windows, with an exhibition of photographs by Brooklyn-based artist Trevor Brown. This exhibit, entitled *ordinary wonderful*, is sponsored by the Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn Partnership (the Partnership) as part of their larger effort to bring art to public spaces on the retail corridor. The Partnership and artist Brown will celebrate this exhibit with a public reception on Friday, March 6th from 6pm-8pm at Karen's Body Beautiful at 436 Myrtle Avenue between Clinton and Waverly, after a guided tour beginning at 5:30pm.

The *Myrtle Windows Gallery* brings two-dimensional art traditionally limited to the private gallery to the public arena via the storefront window, where it is accessible to anyone walking down the street. This exhibition features the work of photographer Trevor Brown, whose work

encourages all of us to take a moment to enjoy the beauty around us that we see every day, but too often take for granted. The Partnership issued an open call for participating in this exhibition, and selected Brown from a strong pool of local applicants because of the striking content and color in his work that brings a new light to familiar places.

"From railroad tracks to garbage cans and window gates - you would never guess that the images in this show were all shot in Brooklyn. Even our local eateries with backyard gardens become magical places in the right light," says artist Brown, whose works will be offered for sale at price points considered quite affordable. Brown explains, "Community access to the arts has always been important to me as an artist. This is an opportunity that sounds like it is custom-made for me." Information on pricing is available inside participating stores. Un-mounted prints can also be ordered through the Partnership.

"Art on Myrtle enriches the daily experience of the visitor, shopper, and resident, and also highlights what makes this community special. We are thrilled to be able to create opportunities for local artists like Trevor Brown to show their work through this initiative," explains Meredith Phillips Almeida, the Partnership's Director of Community Development. Conceived as an innovative local economic development strategy with the dual purpose of increasing access to art and driving foot traffic to Myrtle Avenue, *Myrtle Windows Gallery* offers an added bonus for participating merchants – if a piece is sold, the store where it is displayed will receive a commission. Prior to the opening reception, Brown will lead a guided tour of the exhibit at 5:30pm on Friday, March 6th beginning at Karen's Body Beautiful at 436 Myrtle Avenue. Light refreshments will be served at the opening reception, which also takes place from 6-8pm at Karen's Body Beautiful and is free and open to the public.

The pieces will be on display from March 3rd to April 1st in the following storefronts, all located within three blocks on Myrtle Avenue between Hall Street and Clinton Avenue: *Anima (458 Myrtle)*; *Five Spot Supper Club (459 Myrtle)*; *Joseph Tyler Salon (456 Myrtle)*; *Karen's Body Beautiful (436 Myrtle)*; *Karrot Health Food (431 Myrtle)*; *Miracles Unisex Barber Shop (473A Myrtle)*; *Move with Grace Dance & Yoga Studio (469 Myrtle)*; *Optimum Care Rehab (474 Myrtle)*; *Thai 101 Restaurant (455A Myrtle)*; *Three Stars Laundromat (439 Myrtle)*. The Partnership's public art program is funded in part by a grant from the Lily Auchincloss Foundation and Myrtle's Business Improvement District.

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