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9 Art Events to Attend in New York City This Week

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Opening: Thornton Dial at David Lewis

Thornton Dial has been termed an outsider artist, a vernacular artist, and a folk artist—but any of those labels might be a misnomer, since the late painter's work has been gradually moving into the mainstream art world's view in the past few years. This week, Dial's work will be the subject of a survey at David Lewis. Titled "Mr. Dial's America," the show focuses on the various ways Dial portrayed historical events in his work, tackling the O.J. Simpson trial as well as more personal struggles. Among the works on view will be a painting of Ground Zero that renders the aftermath of 9/11 in bursts of blood-red and fiery orange.

David Lewis, 88 Eldridge Street, 5th Floor, 6–8 p.m.



Thornton Dial, *Setting the Table*, 2003, shoes, gloves, bedding, beaded car-seat cover, cloth carpet, artificial flowers, crushed paint cans, found metal, frying pan, cooking utensils, chain, wood, Splash Zone compound, oil, and enamel on canvas

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