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The artist who likes to be called just David sits by a painting that will be in his first one-man show at Joseph Hur Gallery of West Bloomfield. The oil on canvas has a song-lyric-type title, "Out of the powder blue, straight into the night, I kissed a god, you danced and said, 'I love you.'"

## Musician/painter opens show

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He moves back and forth between the visual and performing arts with an agility that befits his slim, lithe build.

His paintings are signed simply David. His record album made with his identical twin is called Glassings David. He sometimes goes by the name Jackie David and his brother by Niki David.

He likes to be referred to as David. But the show of his surrealist paintings at Joseph Hur Gallery of West Bloomfield is billed as the work of Glassings David, probably to attract fans of the musical group. To say the least it's confusing, considerably more so than David himself, who is straightforward and seemingly secure in his artistic abilities.

David, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Churchill High in 1975, studied violin when he was in grade school and has

been making art as long as he can remember.

**THE STRONGEST** influence in that area was his high school art teacher, Maurice Musick, he said.

He went back to playing the violin in his late teens, but this time he turned it into an electronic instrument. His brother wrote songs and played the guitar and eventually they cut the record which had some national attention and made it to number six on the "Adventure Pick" listing.

Their goal, to have a national label pick Glassings David's first record, hasn't come about yet, but the brothers are still working at it.

Meanwhile, he and his wife Susan (Hudak), who now live in Farmington Hills, own It Was It Is, a vintage clothing store in Birmingham.

The business is flourishing and that means David has time to pursue his interest

in music and painting.

In his one-man show at the Hur Gallery which opens with a reception for the artist at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and continues through February, David will have about 35 oils on canvas ranging in size from small to 4 feet by 6 feet, all surrealistic in approach.

"I just go to the canvas and let what comes out come out freely," he said. "I don't like to force it."

For a while he was looking through the frost on the windows for images, but now they come to him without any priming.

"I don't think I have arrived yet at my totally unique style," he said.

As he deals with the pressures in the music world and the pressures in the business world, painting becomes the escape hatch, "It's like meditating," he said softly.

Joseph Hur Gallery is in the north wing of Orchard Lake Mall, Maple and Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield. Open during regular mall hours.

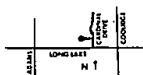
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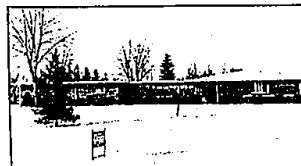
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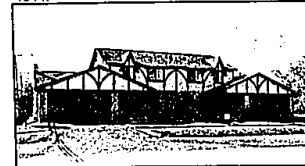
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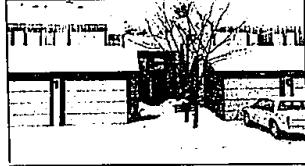
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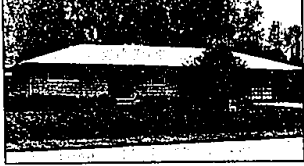
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