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Home invasion

In a choreographic home invasion of sorts, dance production company La 2e Porte à Gauche and a dozen dancers take over a loft in St-Henri (3737 Notre-Dame W.) until the end of the month with a cozy site-specific piece 9 1/2 à part.

Since January, the group has been creating and rehearsing the work in a spacious, renovated loft-style pad, which incidentally was a bowling alley in another life, while its residents continue to inhabit the living space.

"It was funny, sometimes we would be rehearing scenes that take place in the dark, and one of the roommates would be making pasta in the kitchen. The lights



DANCE IN THE HOME: 9 1/2 à Part

would go off, and he would just continue cooking," explains artistic codirector Katya Montaignac.

The 50 spectators per show are free to wander throughout the apartment during the performance since organizers want to give the audience an intimate interactive experience and maybe teach them a bit about line dancing. Head out to St-Henri until Feb. 27 for one of the shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. nightly. Get the complete schedule at www.la2eporteagauche.ca.

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