

## **Create a diversion**

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'Create a diversion' explores the trails of influence that exist between visual art and music.

### **About the project**

Nothing is created in a vacuum. Sometimes artistic influences are explicit. Others may be too slight or complex to untangle. 'Create a diversion' sets out to explore the way artists respond to ideas in a different medium.

The musical collective GROK asked artists to submit visual works to them as the starting points for improvised pieces. These songs were then given to other visual artists to produce a response to.

The exhibition presents the original artworks along with listening posts for the music and the artworks created in response.

Can a common idea be tracked through each phase of these diversions? Or will its path be simply diverting?

### **Exhibition details**

'Create a diversion' takes place at The Rag Factory, 16-18 Heneage Street, London, E1 5LJ on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> (12:00 midday to 11:00pm) and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (10:00am to 11:00pm) October 2011.

The album 'Create a diversion' by GROK is released on Dedear Records on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011. GROK will be performing at the exhibition at 3.00pm and 9.00pm on Saturday and at 2.00pm on Sunday.

### **About GROK**

GROK are a musical collective who improvise songs based on a mental image or theme. When performing live these are suggested by members of the audience and a musical key is determined by the Wheel of Chordal Destiny.

GROK have been playing together since 2006. In 2010 they performed a number of improvised live soundtracks to silent films, including The Lodger and Nosferatu.

GROK have previously released an album 'Ruined music for everyone' and a three track single 'Song for Europe' in 2008.



### **About the artists**

The exhibition presents original artwork from over 30 artists working in a range of media including paint, sculpture, pen and ink, video, photography and digital illustration.

The artists include: Uliana Apatina, Matthew John Atkinson, Paige Baird, Anita Bednarek, Sooz Belnavis, Kimberley Bevan, Aurelie Bourget, Si Clark, delmonte, Chris Fallon, FANgCHU, Lucy Fry, Anne Gerrish, Marc Gooderham, Matt Gould, Hiroko Imada, Caroline Janssens, Kasia Kujawa, Jenny Lu, Luke Maitland, Helena Maratheftis, Max, Marina Pavlovicova, Pello, Ryszard Rybicki, Todd Sanders, Rajpar Shah, Lee Simpson, Jessica Suarez, Alkistis Wechsler, Claire Young and German Dario Zwanik.

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