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simultaneity? contemporaneousness?

At BRIGHTSPACE: 8 Martin St St Kilda

Opening: Friday 22 April 6 – 8pm

Dates: 22 April – 8 May

Jex & Andrew will be at BRIGHTSPACE composing, drawing and playing on the following dates.....

Friday 29 th April	4 – 8 pm
Saturday 30 th April	2 – 6 pm
Sunday 1 May	1 - 4pm
Friday 6th May	4 – 8pm
Saturday 7 th May	2 - 6pm

Artist Jex (Peter Byron) and composer Andrew Duffield's friendship goes back over twenty years to their involvement in the Melbourne music scene with such bands as Models and the Olympic Sideburns.

In the years since, the two artists work largely by commission - Jex in portraiture and Andrew in music for television.

An opportunity existed for Jex and Andrew to work outside of commissions and client briefs, the mainstay of their careers. Over the past year Andrew and Jex have met every Monday at Andrew's South Melbourne studio. Jex uses ink, Andrew plays keyboards.

This exhibition is a culmination of their work through that year. Both artists are quick to dispel the idea of the works being either music to pictures, or pictures to music.

"Whilst we have in common our age, location, political ideology and choice of profession, a lot of which is self-evident in the exhibition, the most important guiding influence was the lack of any kind of censorial direction upon the other. A chance to speak outside of our normal spheres" say the artists.

"These are some of the thoughts, ideas and techniques that just happened to come out of our year spent together on those Monday's."

Andrew & Jex will somewhat re-create the 'studio environment' at BRIGHTSPACE, moving piano, couches, recording devices, artist equipment etc into the space and see what happens there. Part of this project was to

show what they had done over the last year and also to see if any more or less could be achieved by recreating it.

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