

## **Create a diversion**

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'Create a diversion' is the new album by the improvisational collective GROK, released on Dedear Records on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

The album explores the influences between art and music and will be launched at an exhibition at an East London gallery.

### **The album**

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

For 'Create a diversion', GROK asked artists to submit visual works to them as the starting points for improvised recordings.

In Summer 2011 an open invitation was made to artists to produce a visual response to these songs.

The original artworks, songs and responses will be presented at an exhibition in the East End of London on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October. The artworks are also included in the programme that accompanies the album.

### **The exhibition**

'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 exhibition presents original artwork from over 30 artists working in paint, sculpture, video and photography as well as listening posts for the album.

GROK will be performing at the exhibition at 3.00pm and 9.00pm on Saturday and at 2.00pm on Sunday.

## About GROK



GROK have been playing together since 2006. They have previously released an album 'Ruined music for everyone' and a three track single 'Song for Europe' in 2008.

In 2010 GROK performed a number of improvised live soundtracks to silent films, including The Lodger and Nosferatu.

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