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Journey of an idea

Nothing is created in a vacuum.

Elaborate tangles of influence pervade each swish of a pigment infused brush and every crisp thwack of a snare drum.

An idea may rush urgently along the unbroken motorway or hitchhike the endlessly winding back roads, becoming lost for decades before resurfacing in the least expected community.

These intricately knotted threads will always exist, often barely detectable. Sometimes their twisted contours and interminable meanderings are better left alone. At other times we might delight in following their shimmering trails to see where they take us.

Creating diversions

GROK are a musical collective who improvise songs based on an initial mental image or theme. When performing live these are suggested by members of the audience.

For *Create a diversion* the thematic starting points for the recordings were a range of submitted visual artworks, collected and co-ordinated by Anita Bednarek.

Conducted by Lee Simpson, the artworks were revealed to GROK and after a brief dialogue, a song ensued. After many mighty wranglings, twelve distinct tracks took shape.

In Summer 2011 an open invitation was made to artists to produce a visual response to these songs. The original artworks, songs and responses are presented here.

Can the restless, darting idea be tracked through each phase of these diversions?
Or will exploring its elusive path be simply diverting?

GROK 47
Telling stories
04:35



Claire Young



Marina Pavlovicova



Todd Sanders

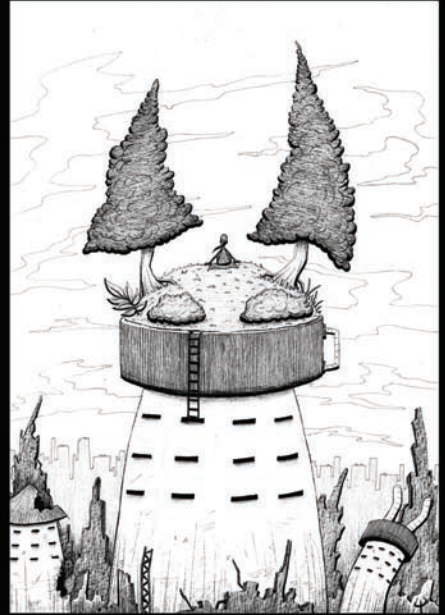


Luke Maitland



Kimberley Bevan

GROK 33
Sitting on
a balcony
04:46



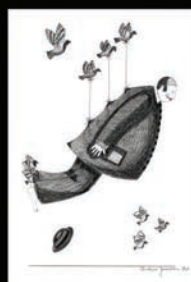
Si Clark



Chris Ayles



Claire Young



Caroline Janssens

GROK 34
 Got to keep
 them alive
 05:23



delmonte



Anne Gerrish



Jenny Lu

GROK 42
Choosing not
consuming
05:05



Sooz Belnavis



Alkistis Wechsler



Rajpar Shah



Claire Young



Matthew John Atkinson

GROK 39 Two centuries 05:09



Jessica Suarez



Paige Baird



Matt Gould

GROK 50 Get your skates on 03:29



Lucy Fry



Luke Maitland



Max



Pello

GROK 43
Strange TV
04:43



Kasia Kujawa

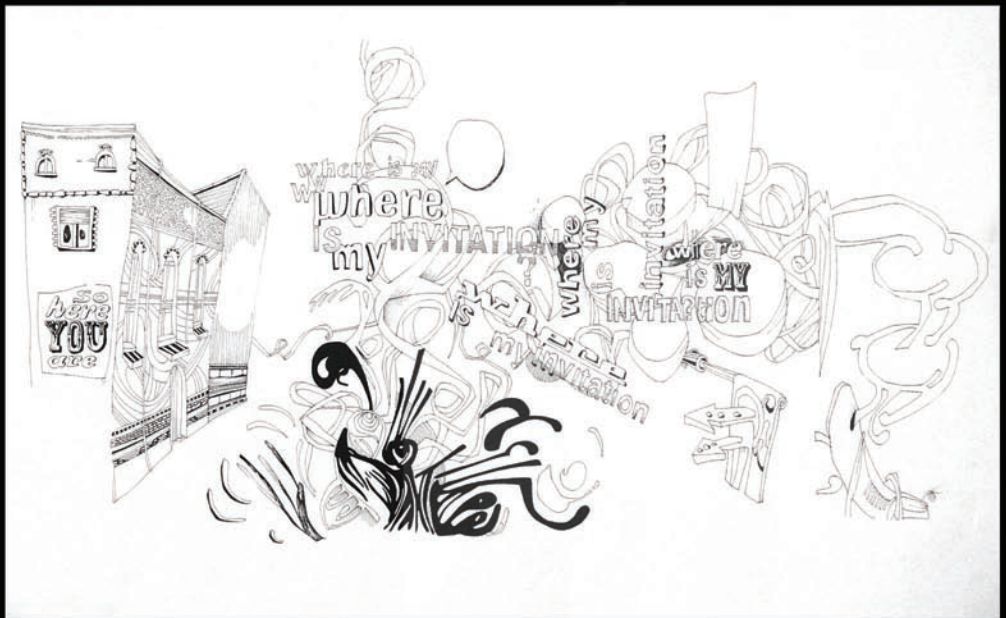


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Helena Maratheftis

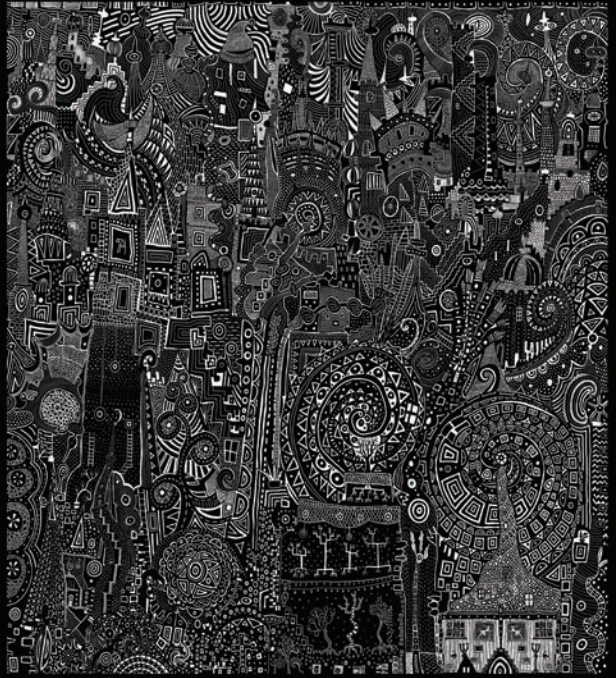
GROK 36 Box Bronson 07:11



Aurélie Bourguet



Claire Young



Luke Maitland

GROK 38
Clean world
04:50



Uliana Apatina



German Dario Zwanik



Lee Simpson

GROK 44 Design to the sound 02:37



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Chris Fallon



Paige Baird



Hiroko Imada

GROK 49

Summer garden

06:04



Anita Bednarek



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Ryszard Rybicki

GROK 48
Lie about
everything
05:21



Marc Gooderham

Artists

Uliana Apatina	'Inside Outside of the Clean-Clean World' (p11). Wooden stretcher bars, linen, primed cotton canvas, rope 137x70x17cm.	uliana-apatina.blogspot.com
Matthew John Atkinson	'+' (p7). Oil, acrylic and lacquer on silk on C-type print on board. 180x120cm.	www.matthewatkinson.co.uk
Chris Ayles	'Sitting on a balcony' (p4). Acrylic on canvas. 36x26cm.	www.futronica.com
Paige Baird	'Shard' (p8). Acrylic on canvas. 'The conversation' (p13). Photograph.	www.pb-lab.com www.flickr.com/photos/paigebaird
Anita Bednarek	Untitled (p13). Ink and acrylic on paper. A1.	www.bednarki.co.uk
Sooz Belnavis	'Disorientation' (p6). Acrylic on denim. 122x91.5cm.	www.soozbelnavis.co.uk
Kimberley Bevan	'Sitting on a balcony' (p4). Oil on canvas. 60x70cm.	www.flickr.com/photos/kimberleybevan
Aurélie Bourguet	'Box Bronson' (p10). Ink & gouache on paper. 52x84cm.	www.aureliebourguet.sitew.com
Si Clark	Untitled (p4). Pen and ink. A4.	www.si-clark.co.uk
delmonte	'Picus' (p5). Oil on board. 70x50 cm.	www.helenmcmahon.com www.jasonrobinson1.com
Chris Fallon	'90404' (p12). Ink jet print/mixed media. 20.5x28cm.	
FANGCHU	'Anything vintage' (p10). Collage on paper. 21x14.8cm. 'Broken paradise III' (p12). Digital print on canvas. 42x31cm. 'Touch the scent' (p14). Acrylic paint, mixed media on canvas. 41x31.5cm.	fangchufashionandart.blogspot.com
Lucy Fry	'Do you get the feeling' (p8). Digital photography and video.	www.youtube.com/user/lucyry05
Anne Gerrish	'Tecumseh' (p5). Pen and ink on paper. 29.5x21cm.	strawberryanne@hotmail.co.uk
Marc Gooderham	Untitled (p14). Acrylic on canvas. 30x24".	www.marcgooderham.co.uk
Matt Gould	Untitled (p8). C-type Print. 11x14".	
Hiroko Imada	'Summer garden I & II' (p13). Acrylic on canvas. 30.5x25.5cm x 2.	www.hirokoimada.com
Caroline Janssens	Untitled (p5). Graphite pencil on paper. 24x32cm x 6.	www.oneweekonedoodle.com
Kasia Kujawa	'Strange TV' (p9). Watercolour on paper, scanned, Photoshop modified and printed on paper. A4 x 4.	kasiakujawa.carbonmade.com
Jenny Lu	'Under attack' (p6). Video.	www.jennyluvideo.com
Luke Maitland	'Up is up' (p4). Mixed media. 100x100cm. 'Men with TV' (p9). Ink on paper. 100x100cm. 'The dreaming' (p11). Digital print on canvas. 100x100cm.	lukemaitland@gmail.com
Helena Maratheftis	'Box Bronson' (p10). Acrylic+gloss paint+glitter on canvas. 50x50cm.	www.thefty.org
Max	'Strange TV' (p9). Mixed media - modelbox. 30x25x15cm.	www.maxxart.com
Marina Pavlovicova	'Telling stories' (p3). Acrylic and oil on canvas. 40x50cm.	www.marinapavlovicova.sk
Pello	Untitled (p9). Digital illustration. A2.	www.pello.co.uk
Ryszard Rybicki	Untitled (p14). Mixed media on linen. 150x120cm.	www.rybicki-art.com
Todd Sanders	Untitled (p3). Crayon on fabriano paper. 12x12".	www.aanpress.com
Rajpar Shah	Untitled (p6). Oil on canvas. 20x8".	rajpar.shah@gmail.com
Lee Simpson	'New York city building' (p12). Photograph.	www.improbable.co.uk www.thecomedystoreplayers.com
Jessica Suarez	'This Is Alive-Esta Vivo' (p7). Ink on Carboard. 125x94 cm.	www.jessicasuarez.co.uk
Alkistis Wechsler	'[London New York and another feeling...]' (p6). Oil on canvas, golden leaf, textile ad. 90x146cm.	www.absolutearts.com/alkistis
Claire Young	'Lula' (p3). Ink, gouache and collage. 'My pretties' (p5). Photograph. 'Axehands' (p7). 50x70cm. 'Yellow vacuum' (p11). Photograph.	claire.y@ntlworld.com
German Dario Zwanik	'Portrait of a young guy' (p11). Oil on canvas. 150x155cm.	zwanik@hotmail.com

