ARE YOU A TEENAGER? WANT TO START A BAND?

Collective Gallery and artist Ross Sinclair are giving away enough instruments to start five new bands in Edinburgh during summer 2014.

You can get:
- Free instruments
- Free mentoring
- Free recording time
- Free distribution

You need to be:
- 20 years old or younger
- Committed to starting a new band
- Able to and want to take part in the project over the next year
- Interested in performing

Ross Sinclair has made art and music for the last 25 years. 2014 marks the twenty-year anniversary of Real Life projects and to celebrate he is giving away instruments to start new bands. The bands will work with Ross and others over the next year to write and perform new music.

There will be the opportunity to come and try out the instruments at the gallery every Saturday during the exhibition between 1-5pm, 28 June – 31 August 2014.

If you are interested have a look on the Collective Gallery website: www.collectivegallery.net

Follow the hashtag on twitter: #freeinstrumentsforteenagers

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‘20 YEARS OF REAL LIFE – FREE INSTRUMENTS FOR TEENAGERS’ STARTED AS AN EXHIBITION AT COLLECTIVE IN 2014 BY ARTIST ROSS SINCLAIR TO CELEBRATE TWO DECADES OF HIS REAL LIFE PROJECT ROSS WORKED WITH COLLECTIVE ON A YEAR LONG PROJECT GIVING AWAY 20 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS TO YOUNG PEOPLE. EACH GUITAR, BASS, OR DRUM KIT DISTRIBUTED REPRESENTS ONE YEAR OF HIS REAL LIFE PROJECT, REPURPOSED AND TURNED TO FACE THE FUTURE.


OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR THE BANDS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH COLLECTIVE AND ROSS THROUGH A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND MENTORING SESSIONS WITH INVITED ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS, TO WRITE, RECORD AND PERFORM NEW MUSIC.

COLLECTIVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE AT CANONGATE YOUTH TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT FOR THE BANDS, HELPING THEM WRITE AND RECORD ORIGINAL TRACKS FOR THE VINYL.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF GENERATION: A MAJOR NATIONWIDE EXHIBITION PROGRAMME SHOWCASING SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ARTISTS TO HAVE EMERGED FROM SCOTLAND OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS.
A year is a long time for a teenager. Whole decades flash past from one year to the next. A different person, under construction, from moment to moment. The music you liked at 13 might make you squirm with embarrassment at 14. A record pored over and analysed and played and played and played at 15 can be at the back of the pile at 16. By 17 it's not exactly forgotten, but perhaps outgrown of its usefulness. The Strokes at 13 becomes The Velvet Underground at 14 becomes Hole at 15 becomes FKA twigs at 16 and over and over again. Teenagers emerge into their twenties containing multitudes.

A teenage band contains even more - the multitudes of three or four or five different people combined together. Each person starts at the same point, with the same records spilled out over turntables and bedroom floors. Same favourites, same after-school experiences. Shared seats on buses and trains to see the same bands in the same halls in the next big town, putting on eyeliner and pulling on band t-shirts on the way.

Eventually it's not enough, all this stuff, these records and gigs made by other people, and you have to do it yourself - bring your shared fanaticism together and make something of your own. Your enthusiasm becomes a tangible thing, a CD with three or four songs and a sleeve folded from cardboard. The whole thing might last years or just a few months. You all start at the same point, but sometimes you diverge into different places, different tastes, different priorities.

The symbolic gesture of giving away instruments to teenagers in order to open up wider creative possibilities is inherently romantic, and romanticism is often overruled by pragmatism. Exams, part-time jobs, changing school or college or city or country - things get left behind. Priorities are made and you find that you don't have time for band practice every week. Your friend whose attic doubles up for your rehearsal room moves to the next town, and you have to take 11 standard grades next year.

Maybe you try it, enthusiastic at first, and it's not what you thought it would be. You pass your bass to your sister or your friend. Maybe you prefer drawing, or taking photographs, or writing plays, but you keep the drums in the corner of your room, playing them every couple of months. Maybe you get your guitar out every week after school, playing loops and recording them or just playing the same Jesus and Mary Chain cover over and over with nobody listening. Maybe playing guitar or bass or drums or singing gives you something you never had before, it allows you to become someone different or become yourself.

Maybe you find a few other people who feel like that too, and it lasts for a year or a few years or forever. Not everything you try becomes part of your life, but sometimes something sticks. It becomes the main thing in your life, or just something you do at the weekend. But its something that's still meaningful, forever omnipresent in the background.

Claire Biddles, 2015
Bedroom Athlete

About

JAMES FOX, LEAD GUITAR
MATTHEW GIBB, VOCALS AND RHYTHM GUITAR
JEEVA NAGRA, BASS GUITAR
THOMAS COULL, DRUMS

FORMED IN 2013 AS PART OF ROSS SINCLAIR’S 20 YEARS
OF REAL LIFE – FREE INSTRUMENTS FOR TEENAGERS
PROJECT AT COLLECTIVE, THE NAME BEDROOM ATHLETE
COMES FROM A TRACK FROM JAMES CHANCE AND THE
CONTORTIONS' 1979 LP ‘BUY’.

INSPIRATIONS: JAMES CHANCE’S LIVE ENERGY AND
FRENETIC GUITAR RIFFS, AS WELL AS BANDS LIKE
RADIOHEAD, MODEST MOUSE AND ARCADE FIRE.

FACEBOOK.COM/bedroomathlete
SOUNDCLOUD.COM/bedroom-athlete

Lyrics

Over My Head

I’ve been doing nothing better
Than I’ve ever done
I’ve been sleeping in
Til one every day
It takes about a year for earth
to get around the sun
And I’ve spent one
Slowly becoming undone

I’ve learnt some things that
I’ll never forget
In these last few weeks of
getting my feet wet
But I don’t
Want to get in over my head
No I don’t
Want to get in over my head

Screen burn on my eyelids
Makes for interesting viewing
You’re just a videodrone
A haircut and some bones that
you drag around
When you speak speaker A
doesn’t make a sound

Playing back everything that
I do
I can’t see underwater
But I’m seeing you
Sleeping on my feet wishing for
a bed
This could last 20 seconds
Or a couple of years in my head
Units To Let

There's units to let in the industrial estate
I bet you
I bet you feel pretty great now
There's glass embedded in the dry stone wall I bet you
I bet you feel pretty great now
I know what you want and I know what you think I think you
I think you know what you're doing now
There's units to let in the industrial estate I bet you
I bet you feel pretty great now

Don't have many long term goals just want to
Go to the city feel pretty shitty and sick
Don't have many long term goals just want to
Go to the city feel pretty shitty and sick
Payday loans and cash for gold
Just want to
Go to the city feel pretty shitty and sick

Walking around I can see what you mean
From the centre leading outwards we get more sad and mean
Do you need what you've got to survive
Because I know I'm not shining on 6.55
Do you need to know what it's for
I told you to trust me have you really been keeping score
At the weekends I can see what you mean
From the centre leading outwards we get more sad and mean

Mouthwash

I'm beginning to notice a blindspot
I'm beginning to notice the taste
Of mouthwash
I'm beginning to notice you
I'm beginning to notice you

I've been feeling inoculated
Something piercing my skin
Like a wire
I see my reflection in the TV
My reflection in the TV

I've been living door to door
I've been living like this all the time

I've been taking you for more
I've been taking you for something you're not

Some rain must fall but,
But not on me I need to take some time

I've been living door to door
I've been living like this all the time

There is a voice in my head
That I hear when I'm reading your texts
It makes my hair stand on end
It makes me think of Death

This car crash set is futile
We all know what's going on
I see my reflection in the windscreen
Enemy Fire

About

LEAH KERR, VOCALS AND LEAD GUITAR
RUBY FISCHBACHER, RHYTHM GUITAR
VANESSA BATCHARJ, LEAD VOCALS
EMMA BRYDON, DRUMS
HOPE GARDNER, MANAGER

ENEMY FIRE ARE A FOUR-PIECE FROM EDINBURGH WHO FORMED AROUND ROSS SINCLAIR’S EXHIBITION 20 YEARS OF REAL LIFE AT COLLECTIVE. COMBINING A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT GENRES SUCH AS INDIE, PUNK, ROCK AND POP TO CREATE THEIR OWN UNIQUE SOUND.

FACEBOOK.COM/CRIMSON.REALITY.BAND
Lyrics

All I Need

If I took your hand tonight and lay down by your side. Would you move in close to me, relax and close your eyes? Hold me in your arms tonight and never let me go. Look into my eyes this night and deep into my soul.

I can see us getting older, can't you feel us change? The memories that we take on board, will forever stay the same.

It's you and me against the world, I swear we'll make it through. Take this chance-forget your plans, that's all I want to do. Cliche love and white doves, that's fine by me. For one last time remind me why you're all that I need.

Every minute spent with you warms me up inside. Me and you don't have to think when we're still young and wild. Promise me you'll find a way to love me all the time? Forget about the things I said to you the other night.

It's you and me against the world, I swear we'll make it through. Take this chance-forget your plans, that's all I want to do. Cliche love and white doves, that's fine by me. For one last time remind me why you're all that I need.

I know that I sound crazy. I hope that's fine by you. Just come and wait with my baby. We'll be away from here soon.

It's you and me against the world, I swear we'll make it through. Take this chance-forget your plans, that's all I want to do. Cliche love and white doves, that's fine by me. For one last time remind me why you're all that I need.
About

MEL ROZEL Brayford, Guitar and Vocals
SAMMY HARRISON, Guitar and Vocals
IAIN CROSS, Drums
GLEN OSWALD, Bass Guitar

APPEAR INVISIBLE ARE A FOUR-PIECE ALTERNATIVE ROCK BAND WHO WEAR THREE-PIECE SUITS! THEY BEGAN IN EDINBURGH AND HAVE BEEN GIGGING, RECORDING AND GETTING INVOLVED IN VARIOUS EXCITING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE LAST TWO YEARS. THEIR AIM IS TO “NOT JUST BE ANOTHER BAND IN JEANS AND T-SHIRTS.” THEY WANT TO CREATE AN ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE. EVERYTHING INCLUDING THE ART, THE UNIFORM AND THE SONGS, WHEN PUT TOGETHER AS A RECORD, HAVE A CONCEPT AND AIM TO COMMUNICATE FEELING. THEIR INFLUENCES RANGE FROM TRADITIONAL FOLK AND BLUES TO MODERN ROCK, POP AND METAL.

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FACEBOOK.COM/APPEARINVISIBLEUK
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ALL LYRICS CC MEL ROZEL Brayford

Lyrics

MACHINE

I want to be dead
Whilst still being alive
Emotion is
The key to life
You are from outer space
You make me want to be sick

We're being watched they entertain with revenge
I watch it too and I will do it again
I am a MACHINE
I am a MACHINE

To live a life in fear
Is not a life at all
I won't let you break me
I'm not gonna fall

You are from outer space
You make me want to be sick

We're being watched they entertain with revenge
I watch it too and I will do it again
I am a MACHINE
I am a MACHINE
Forgetting Frank

As we drive along by the sea at night
All I see are flames of harbour lights
And this feeling hits me from inside
The feeling that I'm alive
We lost ourselves at the best time of
their lives
And I threw you away when he died
But I knew in my heart it wasn't right
So we got in our van to share another
ride.

When you sing to me I know this can be
'Cause you're my best friend and we
will make it
I fear for the future but it's not
coming no sooner
So I know we're not gonna break it
There was a time I'd give up I won't lie
There was a time I almost said goodbye
But I'm no longer Mitchell's butterfly
Now is not our time to die.

When you sing to me I know this can be
'Cause you're my best friend and we
will make it
I fear for the future but it's not
coming no sooner
So I know we're not gonna break it

For the first time in my life
I feel like I belong
Right here in this moment
I feel like I could be someone

When you sing to me I know this can be
'Cause you're my best friend and we
will make it

Keeley Hawes

I love the way you laugh
It makes me giddy inside
I blush you bite your lip
When you cry I cry
I wanna be in a coma
Reliving the '80s with you
Is that your real name?
Or are you a spook?

I wanna see the world but my whole world is
pixelated
Oh I'm in love but what is love for a photograph?
It's strange I like your million personalities
I see you everyday but you don't even know my
name.

"Dear Rosie there's a rose"
"In my heart for you"
Oh Kitty Butler
I wanna catch that rose from you
Lady Agnes
Can I come downstairs?
There's been a death at the funeral
But quite frankly I don't give a shit

I wanna see the world but my whole world is
pixelated
Oh I'm in love but what is love for a photograph?
It's strange I like your million personalities
I see you everyday but you don't even know my
name.

With perfect elocution
Put me up for persecution
My green eyes look into yours
Keeley Hawes

I wanna see the world but my whole world is
pixelated
Oh I'm in love but what is love for a photograph?
It's strange I like your million personalities
I see you everyday but you don't even know my
name.
In 1994 I had a tattoo –
at Terry's in Glasgow by a guy called Stu.
So come on – it was really cool
It's been there for 20 years it's never disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Electric Guitars if you're a Teenager

In 1994 I made Museum of Despair –
at Edinburgh's Royal Mile all the people were there
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 3 weeks and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Electric Guitars if you're a Teenager

In 1995 – I made Studio Real Life –
at De Appel in Amsterdam the people were nice
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 2 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Drum Kits if you're a Teenager

In 1996 – It was Real Life Rocky Mountain –
at the CCA in Glasgow – all the people were shouting
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 1 month and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
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In 2001 – I made Fortress Real Life
At the Kunsthalle Bregenz – I went with my wife
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 3 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
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In 2002 – Real Life Old School
At Yvon Lambert in Paris – Je voudrais
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for a month and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Drum Kits if you're a Teenager

In 2003 – Real Life (and how to live it) Geography
Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow – it was the place to be
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 5 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Drum Kits if you're a Teenager

In 2004 – I made The Real Life Rock Opera
With the Travelling Gallery – it was all over the country
So come on – it was really cool
It's was there for 4 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands we've got Free Electric Guitars if you're a Teenager

In 2005 – The Real Life Family Tree
At Aichi Expo – Japan was the place to be

So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 8 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Recording - if you're a Teenager

In 2006 - The Real Life Painting Show
At the OCA in Glasgow - lots of people did go
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 2 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got A Big For You - if you're a Teenager

In 2007 - Sinclair vs. Landspeer
At Aberdeen Art Gallery - I was sincere
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 3 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Electric Guitars - if you're a Teenager

In 2008 - Anglo-American Love Song
Hales Gallery in London - I was in with the throng
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for a month and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Electric Guitars - if you're a Teenager

In 2008 it was St Kilda again
@ 2 Museums in Denmark coming round the bend.
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 6 months and then it disappeared from view

In 2010 - Real Chico Life
Angelika Knapp in Stockholm - the collectors were ripe
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 1 month and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Recording - if you're a Teenager

In 2011 - The Real Life Sequence of Huntly
I was the artist in residence - I'll tell you bluntly
So come on - it was really cool
It's was there for 3 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Electric Guitars - if you're a Teenager

In 2012 - We Love Real Life Scotland
The book of the residency with lots of writing
So come on - it was really cool
It'll be there for all that it'll never disappear from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got Free Recording - if you're a Teenager

In 2013 - I Tried to Give Up Printing
With Guitars instead of God - the music was twinkling
So come on - it was really cool
It'll be there for 6 weeks and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
Come and join our bands - we've got A Big For You - if you're a Teenager

In 2014 - 20 Years of Real Life
Now on CD and EU
Right here at the Collective - I hope you like it all right

So come on - it was really cool
So come on - it was really cool
It'll be there for 2 months and then it disappeared from view
So won't you come and celebrate - 20 years of Real Life - I just can't wait
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