Episode 1: First Things First  30:49
Charts the changes that took place in the first year studies programme at Glasgow School of Art from 1968 to now. GSA ran a two year general course as an integral part of the diploma programme up until 1970 when it changed to a one year course, eventually becoming more like a foundation. The podcast is a combination of people who had studied on the first year programme and others who had taught on it.
Jimmy Cosgrove | Jacki Parry | Peter Bevan | Alastair Macdonald
Bill McQuarrie | Brian Kelly

Episode 2: Section Five  24:21
Section Five was an experimental First Year course run by Ted Odling and initially set up in 1962. In 1965 Ted was awarded a Leverhulme Fine Arts Travel Grant to visit Art Colleges across Europe. Following this trip Ted set up a new General Course at GSA for first and second year students.
Noelle Odling | Jimmy Cosgrove | Jacki Parry | Elspeth Lamb | Bob and Eileen Murray | Lyn McLaughlin | Alastair Macdonald

Episode 3: Evolutionary not Revolutionary  31:34
Looks at the formation of the Mixed Media department at Glasgow School of Art, which ran from 1976-1981. The course was set up and run by Roger Hoare, created as an area where students could experiment with different media and help create fluidity between Fine Art disciplines. The voices here provide some context to the school’s environment in the 1970s and how the department emerged.
Alastair Macdonald | Jayne Taylor | Brian Kelly | Carol Campbell | Jimmy Cosgrove | Roger Hoare

Episode 4: Talk, Make, Play.  39:32
Discusses the work made by the students of Mixed Media, the opportunities for students leaving art school in the late 1970s - early 1980s and what eventually happened to the department.
Brian Kelly | Mhairi Corr | Roger Hoare | Ronnie Forbes | Carol Campbell | Jayne Taylor

Episode 5: Some Are Big Like Pebbles and Some Are Small Like Sand  35:58
Investigates the extra-curricular activities at the School throughout the 1970s, mainly focussing on Activities Week. It also looks at the fashion shows and features extracts of audio from performances by Ivor Cutler, Bruce McLean and Ian Breakwell from the 1980’s Activities Week.
Jacki Parry | Jimmy Cosgrove | Alastair Macdonald | Elspeth Lamb | Ronnie Forbes | Jayne Taylor | Roger Hoare | Brian Kelly | Sam Ainsley
Art School in Action (1970-1986) looks at the approaches to teaching at Glasgow School of Art in the 1970s and 1980s. The exhibition centres on a series of podcasts produced as part of GSA's research project, New Wave: Materials, Methods and Media, Glasgow School of Art 1970-1986 alongside artefacts, ephemera and documentation from the School's archives, including posters from Activities Week’s, films from the Schools Fashion Shows between 1981-1985 and documentation relating to new approaches to teaching in the 1960s and 1970s.

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Poster design by Jessica Taylor.

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