

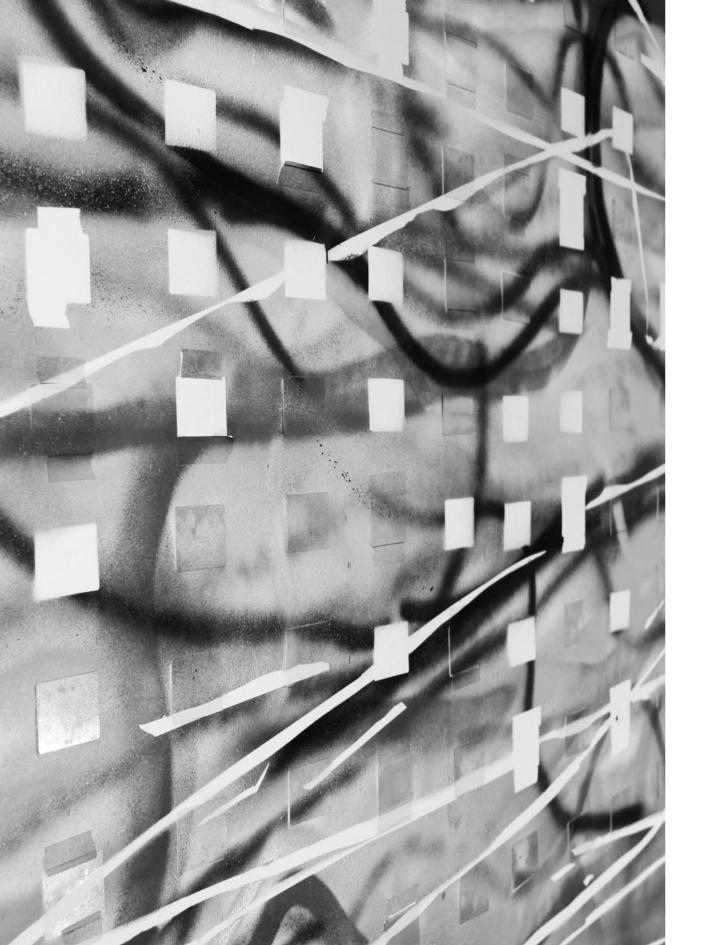
WAYS AND MEANS TO GET OUT!!

A performative piece WAYS AND MEANS TO GET OUT!! took place during TO BE DESTROYED, an art event at 25 Soho Square, London on 5th November 2010.

Here is the scenario: You can freely get inside the building where art is exhibited but you need a pass to get out of the premises (a guard on the door was collecting them). The WAYS AND MEANS TO GET OUT!! piece was exactly a place inside the building to get the pass or more precisely it was a room containing a wall painting with 300 plastic cards fastened and painted over in an abstract expressionistic style. Each card had a unique colour surface and every time the one was picked up the white shape was emerging and the whole image of the painting had been slightly transformed.

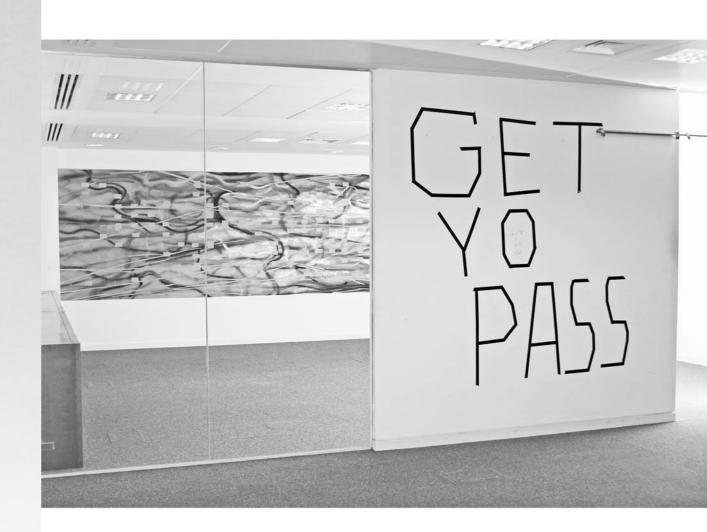
Once the person picked up the card the visitor name and the number was written down on the pass. All female visitors were JANE, all male visitors were JHON. The track of the visitors: the J-name and the number were written down on a sheet of paper. Once a while visitors had been offered to be photographed on the mobile phone and if accepted the portrait was printed out and stuck to the pass. From 300 cards 134 had been taken form the wall painting and only 36 of them returned. The rest, 98 cards, left the building.

Following elements were used to perform the work: a wall painting incorporated 300 plastic cards (dimensions of the painting - 640cm x 161cm), a portable printer, a mobile phone with a photo-camera, 3 blank sheets of paper, pens and the wall slogan GET YO PASS.





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300 CARDS WERE AVAILABLE

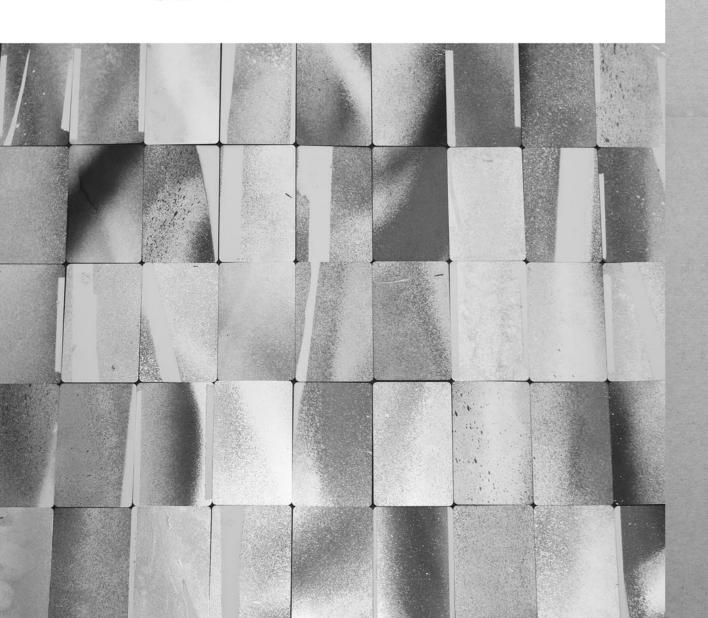
134 CAROS ISSUED

36 CAROS RETURNED AS REQUSTED (11 THONS , 25 TANES)

2 CARDS SOLD

98 CARDS PRESUMABLY DRIFTING
IN LONDON AREA

166 CARDS REMAINED











Visitors' Spam Draws

Collected spam content from e-mails and comments from various websites formed an obscure compilation - the cut-up book - the material assembled to tactile interaction. The cut-up book (called as well the spambook) has every line of the page cut into stripes. Conventional reading page by page was impossible, instead the spambook introduced vertical browsing, flicking through stripes.

There is an interesting poetry book by Raymond Queneau called *Cent Mille Milliards de Poèmes* (*Hundred Thousand Billion Poems*, 1961). The book contains a set of 10 sonnets, each on a page split into 14 strips. The main idea behind the book is that any lines from a particular sonnet can be combined with any other line from the nine others and according to the author it would take approximately 200 million years to read all possible combinations. Similarly the spambook offers unlimited combinations of reading but no less important is fluctuation of control over the textual content, ability to take it apart and rearrange again. There is no fixed version of the piece and each text created by any participant can be used again in a different project.

Additionally, the spam and the internet comments are scrambled with science fiction, in this case a short extracts from stories by Philip K. Dick. His sentences had been scrambled using scripts found on the internet. In a way the textual content of the project is readymade but still edited, rearranged and designed into a publication with a specific purpose of being the object and the text to be performed. Anyone is welcome to tear the content up and create own version, slogan, haiku or anything they wish to express. But then created text is taken over by an assistant (in this role can be anyone who is willing to create fancy patterns out of the stripes of text, it can be even a group of assistants). The stripes are composed by the assistant on the colourful board designed by the artist. At some point the performing stops, the board is taken apart to 24 sheets of paper where some sentences are intact but many are broken because they run over a few sheets. Deconstructed board becomes a collection of loose, random compositions.

The Spambook had 20 pages, each page filled with 32 lines and in total there were 640 text strips. The publication was set in a sans-senif type Segoe UI developed in 2004 and used in many Microsoft products for user interface texts, online user assistance materials. Round shapes characterize the type and give a very friendly feeling. The online usage made it probably more present in a digital form than the printed materials.

The paper board for composed texts was made of 24 sheets in 3 colours- red, orange and cyan. The board had a size approx $60 \text{ cm} \times 160 \text{ cm}$.

Performing with the spambook and the board took approx 4 hours on 28th and 29th January 2011 in London and happen during the event *Beyond Text: Making and Unmaking Text* at The Centre for Creative Collaboration, 16 Acton Street, London WC1X 9NG

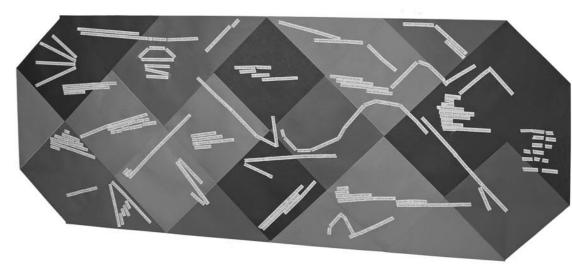
Participants of the event: David Berridge, Jackie Calderwood, Lee Campbell, Neil Chapman, E.H. Cocker, Heather Connelly, Becky Cremin, Jane Frances Dunlop, Zalfa Feghali, Alison Gibb, Elizabeth Guthrie, Fiona Hanley, Janine Harrington, Maura Hazelden, Alexandrina Hemsley, Fiona James, Jennifer Jarman, Eirini Kartsaki, Sarah Kelly, Dave Loder, Christopher-Rasheem Mcmillan, Anne-Laure Misme, Ryan Ormonde, Katerina Paramana, Isabelle Parkinson, Waldemar Pranckiewicz, Joanna Sperryn-Jones, Jacqueline Taylor, Kate Wiggs, Steve Willey.

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