

I've often thought of trying to describe a place. It city perhaps or some particular aspect of it. The problem is though, that any such description would seem always less than its subject. It's not really a question of representing the place but of making manifest the particular grasp which one may have of it and to do this without allowing that manifestation to be anything more or less than its subject, to be just different but also inseparable.

Between Patient's suggests a space of time during which an exhibition was considered. The space of the exhibition also exists between two locations. One is a studio the other is a home. A space therefore between a location where art might

be made and one where art might reside. Any exhibition might traditionally have been seen to occupy a similar space; a chance for artists to show their wares to interested parties, an occasion indeed to sell their wares. But things seem slightly different now and exhibitions seem to go begond the mere notion of display. What it is that they become instead of this is difficult to define.

In a sense Between Patients reclaims the traditional role of the exhibition. It does this by establishing a trajectory between a studio and a home. The exhibition is therefore defined at once by its own absence and by the fact that the notion of it encapsulates the spaces which might be thought to be its origins and its ends.

The two spaces between which the exhibition exists are also ones which have themselves been reclaimed. Boy loss' studio is in the basement of an old factory. It is a space which was cleared by the arist of the years of deposition of rubble which completely filled it. Adam Caruso's home is a building which was transformed from a state of derecliction. Both spaces do however bear the signs of their origins. Their purpose has been altered but their physical character remains. The function of the spaces defines itself therefore in relation to their structure, being neither more nor less than the structure, different but inseparable.

The task of the artists in this exhibition is to define their own work in relation to the spaces in which it is housed. It could be said that this is a task which applies to any exhibition but it seems that this particular situation is one which high-lights the task very acutely. By highlighting the question of what an exhibition might netal, Between Patients forces the artists to engage with some serious considerations. If an exhibition is not to be merely a question of displaying certain artifacts, then what is it sourcose?

This question of purpose seems to be an important one. Rdam Caruso's house, which is the site where the exhibition will actually be seen, will also be one of the pieces in the exhibition. The building could in a sense be said to temporarily lose its usual purpose, although Caruso will still be living there. This partial loss of purpose forces a state of reflexivity upon the building, a state shared by Uoss' studio, which will also be subject to the same temporary loss of purpose.

It is perhaps in this state of reflexivity that the exhibition must reside. The temporary loss of purpose of the studio and of the home suggest that the exhibition engenders a different space for itself. Not a space which just connects the two locations but one which defines itself in relation to what is between them. A kind of dead space, attempting to describe itself without becoming neither more nor less than the purpose which it displaces.

Juan Cruz, Mau 1996

To the Trespasser Using the key provided let yourse uilding via the front door. Close the door behind you. Lock the door from the inside, leaving the key in the lock. At the far end of the space you will see a table and some chairs. Be seated on the black chair without altering its position. You will see a camera opposite you. Take up the shutter release cable provided and squeeze it. You may drink the milk in the glass beside you on the table. On leaving, lock the door. Instructions, 1996 ©Anna Mossman

Nicholas Bolton 1800 mm from South wall (at FFL) ole let into existing concrete floor pavior and substrate 80 mm, using No 12 masonry drill bit ether length 1508 mm from centre line of pole to outside face of tennis bal

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225 mm diameter, 3 mm thick, roughly out perspex disk, lightly sanded on outside face with circular sanding motion

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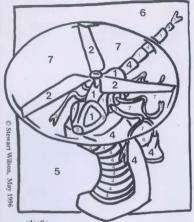
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Wide end of each bone section fixed to wall using "Lokitle" glue

BETWEEN PATIENTS

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plastic

1 = red

2 = sky blue3 = jet black 4 = yellow

5 = light grey 6 = dark grey

7 = tan



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