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## THE BLANK TAPE SPILLAGE FETE 2006

An extraordinary exhibition of art and music

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### A week long exhibition:

The English Folk Dance and Song Society  
Cecil Sharp House  
2 Regent's Park Road  
London NW1 7AY  
Friday 25 August - Friday 1 September 2006  
Exhibition open daily 10am - 5pm  
Exhibition Entry: Free

⊖ Camden

### A live showcase:

The English Folk Dance and Song Society  
Cecil Sharp House  
2 Regent's Park Road  
London NW1 7AY  
Sunday 27 August 2006  
4pm - 11pm  
Entry: £3 Tickets on the door

21 international and London-based musicians and artists, including Mike Lindsay (Tunng), Orkney/London band Half Cousin, Jo and Danny (organisers of the Green Man Festival in Wales), illustrator Marcus Oakley, US skateboarder Frank Hirata, artist Anna Norlander, Erotic Dog (part of Shynola) and 14 other creatives have all contributed to 'The Blank Tape Spillage Fete', a year long project culminating in a week long exhibition of music and art Friday 25 August to Friday 1 September 2006, and a gig on Sunday 27 August 2006 4-11pm, both taking place at Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, NW1 7AY.

The Blank Tape Spillage Fete is an ongoing project co-ordinated by Mat Fowler (of design agency Playarea) and Matt Hunt (of art/design group Folklore). Both friends since studying and graduating from the Norwich School of Art and Design in '96, they started making and recording music in 2004. In mid-2005 the Mats sent 21 musicians and artists making music - some of them friends and acquaintances, some of them heroes old and new - a blank tape asking them to fill it with their own music and also to create artwork or packaging to accompany their tape. Now in August 2006, 21 pieces of music and extraordinary accompanying artworks (made by the musicians themselves) - from prints, paintings, pencil drawings, graphics and sculpture - will be showcased in a week long exhibition in Camden, London (full address above) from Friday 25 August to Friday 1 September 2006.

The exhibition will resemble an old-fashioned village fete, with bunting, trestle tables and a hotch-potch of Spillage Fete-related ephemera. The works themselves will each be displayed with an analogue cassette player - a listening post of sorts where the viewer/listener can hear the music and look at the work.

The gig so far has eight acts confirmed: Amsterdam based Ben Blench, London-based Men-an-tol, Luke Abbott (Output Recordings), Phil Gardner, Russell Wickwar, the 2 Mat's band Bontakt (their inaugural gig), Chris Harding/Erotic Dog, Throwing Shapes Away and Norwich based poets and musicians My Dark Aunt. The roster is fully expected to grow.

### EDITORS' NOTES:

Mat Fowler lives and works in London, running his own design company Playarea.

Matt Hunt is an artist and illustrator who lives and works in London.

The works in the exhibition are not for sale, although there will be a concessionary stall selling Fete-related pieces.

The exhibition is free. The gig is £3.00 per person.

Images of works are available.

The Blank Tape Spillage Fete website ([www.blanktapespillagefete.com](http://www.blanktapespillagefete.com)) is currently being re-constructed

Audio clips of the contributions available on the website [www.blanktapespillagefete.com](http://www.blanktapespillagefete.com)

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