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APOLLO ASTRONAUT ALAN BEAN AND LAURIE ANDERSON NOW CONFIRMED FOR SPECIAL APPEARANCES IN.....

SPACE SOON: ART AND HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT

Presented by The Arts Catalyst
The Roundhouse, London, 9 -13 September 2006
Admission free Open daily 12 noon – 6pm
Press night: Friday 8 September, 7pm

For five days this September, Camden's newly re-opened Roundhouse will be transformed into an exhibition space with major new artists' projects, challenging space exploration and rethinking the human desire to leave the cradle of the Earth. For a short but intense period, The Arts Catalyst presents **Space Soon**, an exhibition accompanied by live events, screenings and debate, including talks by astronaut-turned-artist Alan Bean, the fourth man to walk on the moon, and Laurie Anderson. **Space Soon** runs from 9-13 September 2006.

SPACE SOON EXHIBITION

Space Soon reveals the attitudes of a new generation of artists to the topic of space exploration. The cavernous interior of the Roundhouse (a former engine shed) becomes a rocket factory for a rocket that is going nowhere - *Gravity* by Aleksandra Mir. Outside, the *Space on Earth Station* team reverses into the future by engineering and building a Mars rehearsal habitation, a mini-city of domes with landing vehicles exploring the neighbourhood, built and inhabited by Danish radical architects N55 and UK artist, Neal White. Below, in the Roundhouse Studios are the hibernaculum sleep chambers for *SpaceBaby* - a new project in which London Fieldworks (Bruce Gilchrist and Jo Joelson) examine the subject of long term space travel and sleep.

SPACE SOON EVENTS

TAKING CONTROL - SPACEFLIGHT FOR HUMANS

Scientists, artists, writers, space visionaries and entrepreneurs meet in this two-day symposium to explore the future of space exploration from the human perspective.

Sat 9 - Sun 10 September, 10am – 6pm £60 (£50 concessions)
Symposium fee includes free entry to VIP opening night on Friday 8, the Cosmic Engineers party on Sat 9 and Brilliant Noise – Glorious Soviet Cosmos film night on Mon 10.

Full programme see www.artscatalyst.org

COSMIC ENGINEERS

A journey into space music, electronic images, distressed signals and robot moods programmed by Jerry Dammers and Kodwo Eshun. Special screening of Andrei Ujica's cult Russian space film *Out of the Present* with new soundtrack deejay'd by Dammers and Eshun. Followed by lo-tech android "disco" and party.

Sat 9 September 8pm / £8 (£6 concessions)

SECRET ARTIST ON THE MOON – APOLLO ASTRONAUT ALAN BEAN

Only nine of the twelve men who walked on the moon remain alive today.

Only one became a professional artist on his return from space. Legendary Apollo astronaut, Alan Bean and *Moon dust* author, Andrew Smith, discuss Bean's experience of being on the moon, the impact of spaceflight on the human mind, and the power of art.

Sun 10 September 7 pm / £20 (£15 concessions)

BRILLIANT NOISE - GLORIOUS SOVIET COSMOS

"I see the Earth. It is beautiful" – Yuri Gagarin, first man in space. Or was he? The astonishing Russian documentary *First on the Moon* shakes our understanding of the history of human spaceflight. *Dream Time* by Jane and Louise Wilson shows the lingering power of the Russian space programme in the cash-strapped post-Soviet era. In Semi-Conductor's *Brilliant Noise*, untouched images of our sun, captured by the SoHo satellite, present an alternative aesthetic of space.

Mon 11 September 7pm / £7 (£5 concessions)

LAURIE ANDERSON In conversation with Kodwo Eshun.

NASA's former (and first and last) artist-in-residence returns to the UK after the success of her show *End of the Moon* to reflect on her NASA experience and her visit to Russia's space programme.

Tue 12 September 8pm / £12

WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE

Resonance FM host an operatic, radiophonic concatenation of space ephemera and near-Earth collision paranoia. Featuring the divergent talents of Ken Hollings, DJ Original Bear, Tom McCarthy, Johnny Trunk, DJ Rocket 88, the Resonance Radio Orchestra and Lembit Opik MP.

Wed 13 September 8pm / £8 (£6 concessions)

Resonance FM will be broadcasting live from the Roundhouse throughout Space Soon, tune in on www.resonancefm.com or 104.4 FM in London.

About The Arts Catalyst

Organisers The Arts Catalyst specialise in pivotal culture and science encounters, flying teams of artists and scientists into zero gravity in Russia, recreating controversial bio-warfare experiments, conducting research in remote environments chasing eclipses and getting artists behind the scenes in closed scientific establishments. They were recently commissioned by the European Space Agency to develop a cultural policy for the orbiting International Space Station.

Space Soon is supported by Arts Council England and the Henry Moore Foundation. Media partner: Blueprint. Drink sponsors: Chamarre and Kronenbourg.

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