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THE IDEA:

Transmission off Air, is a small collection of chapbooks derived from an annual lecture series organised by Fine Art at Sheffield Hallam University, entitled "Transmission: Host". Each week a host invites his or her guest and a critical engagement is assumed. There is an ethics of hospitality: a host has a standard of conduct, and historically, hospitality has been seen as a code, a duty, a virtue, and a law. In 2009/10 the idea of the series was about friendship.

THE AUTHOR:

Francisco Lopes dos Santos AKA **Xesko** is an Angolan/Portuguese, visual artist, musician and writer, precursor of the *Dispersionism* art movement, an idea which assumes that the evolution of art, began with early pre-historical paintings, blossoming all over the world through human stable communities, restructuring when they found other communities re-clashing each other, thereby refuting the established history of art. Based on this principle holds, that all artists should be polyvalent and have the obligation to explore at maximum, several alternatives in art. Following his ideas, he became a versatile artist capable of using several different media and working in different styles, from realistic to abstract, exploring always new projects. Being this Chapbook an example.

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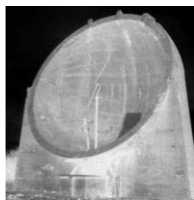
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Have Seen Ghosts In Other Places Indeed I Have Come To Expect Their Appearance Certainly Delusions Voices Hallucinations Do Not Mean Anything Conclusive Taken On Their Own You Wrote To Me About Waiting For Your Fathers Bus To Arrive He Began By Telling Us That In His Childhood Did Not Speak But Retained All The Information With Eidetic Memory Capturing Images Of The World Around Her As If It Were A Human Camera BULLS HIT We Started Well Who Does She Think She Is Talking About To An Audience Of Ignorant People Instead Of **Artists** In Fact She Is Indeed The Ignorant Who **Do** Not Know What Is Eidetic Memory And Uses A General Misinterpretation Of The Term Which Assumes A Constant And Total Recall Of All Events In Fact If It Was Like That And During His Childhood Had Registered All Information As She Stated At This Time Would Not Be Before Us But In A Specialised Clinic To Help Her Survive It Wouldve Burned All Neurons And Their Psych

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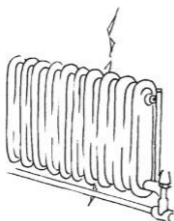
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things that are done I guess by people which can be interpreted or hold **Meaning** for example the additive sense the chapter titles make at the front of a book so the setting clothes lyrics music type length all become the work but as separate choices and decisions in terms of the gesture being futile I'm not sure as something happens the work is made and maybe I'm not that worried about destination lots of the journeys I go on start at A and never get to B and end back at A I love living in London because most of the time you don't have control there are two types of experiences **Feeling** a ping pong ball where you have no weight or momentum so you just bounce off everything and even if you are trying to get somewhere you can't or the crisp packet where you don't know where you are going and you get blown there in both cases if you keep your sense of humour it's interesting to see where you end up all went well until he began t

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ense That We Remain There Still That Our Presence Was Absorbed In Some Way And Can Be Sensed If Not Detected Places Remember Events Wrote Joyce And While I'm Not Sure Of Its Literal Truth I Think It Possesses A Strong Artistic One I Can Think Of Two Different Works An Early Story By J.G. Ballard *The Sound Sweep* 1960 And A BBC TV Programme Nigel Kneale's *The Stone Tape* 1972 Which Uses The Same Device Of A Place In Particular A Building Acting As A Recording Device For What Has Taken Place Within It And There Are Many More The Novella *The Invention Of Morel* Adolfo Bioy Casares 1940 And The Film *Last Year In Mahenbad* Alain Resnais 1961 Are Perhaps More Sophisticated And A **Really** Good Example That Explore The Relation Between Memory And Place Though The List Is Endless To Me From All Its Entire Presentation What Was Held In Memory Was The Fact That The Books Less Read Were Stored In A Kind Of Safe Of An Isolated Location In The North Lead

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ing Me To Wonder If Other Countries Would Do The Same Because If So The Unusual Is That In Case Of A Global Cataclysm What Will Be Preserved For Posterity It Will Be The Bad Literature Leading Me To Wonder If Our Ancestors Did Have Made The Same Choice Which Would Mean That The Fabulous Literature Of Antiquity We Know It Would Not Be Nothing More Than Waste Of These Fabulous Societies And That The Real Good Literature Would Have Been Lost Forever In The Intricacies Of History I Have **Enjoyed** So Much That Could Stay Here For Hours Talking About His Performance And What He Described As The Post Modern Fuck But It Is Best To Finish Here Referring Only Three Things That Marked Me Throughout The Performance The Statement That An Artist Can Not Be Created Born An Artist And That The Impulse To Final Solutions Is The Dilemma Itself And Finally The Way How Ended His Presentation But Making Art Is Not Yet Meant What It Seems

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9. Monotone versus Monotonous (Guest: Kate Davis, Host: Julie Westerman)
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