

Greg Malcolm & Jeff Henderson

JH:

What have you been up to?

GM:

Playing guitar at home and stressing and freaking out... Trying to find a way to coexist with two teenage boys in isolation in a 57 sq mtr 2 bedroom space as well as trying to find a way home and an exit strategy.

JH:

What's your take on the current situation?

GM:

Well it looks pretty fucked from here..real hard for all my friends who are hand to mouth musicians in Berlin etc. All gigs are canceled etc. Maybe the German Govt. have a good plan, I don't know... Probably ok for Norwegian musician, too... If you are citizen... But not ok for all of those DIY gigs that I do as they fall under the radar... Probably one of the worst time to be overseas... People hate travelers and don't even want them to return home... Comic... Add that to a career in unpopular music and wear a parking wardens outfit and you have it covered.

JF:

Have you any observations regarding 'Sound'?

GM:

Pretty quiet here at the moment.

JH:

I was talking with someone the other day who reckoned the birds had gone quieter, which seems counter intuitive but perhaps there is no noise competition now... In the quiet have you noticed anything you normally wouldn't?

GM:

More tree noise, creaking, cracking etc on forest walks...

JH:

Do you perceive any psychological effect you could attribute to this new quiet world?

GM:

Quiet outside... Pretty loud at home domestically... Lots of shouting

JH:

It seems to me that the absence of sound is the drastic change during lockdown... Not just the extraordinary quiet of the streets but households, apartments, everywhere seems quiet... Very little music , stereos or even power tools...

GM:

Not our house... We get shouted out and shout on a regular basis

JH:

Thoughts on the future?

GM:

Not sure if the DIY scene in Europe will recover or at least not for a long time... State supported venues should be ok as they are valued acknowledged in Europe... Economic crisis, I guess the extra life skills learnt from being a musician like how to live on little money and want less could come in handy... It kind of looks a bit bleak... Jenny and I both have no employment come June and are about as far away from home as possible... THE WORLD could change for the better but I doubt it... More disaster capitalism... Qatar air aka "we will get you home" charging \$50,000 NZD to get us home at one stage...