

## **MAIN GALLERY**

JAS H. DUKE Back from Brighton Curated by Victora Perin

In the late 1960s, Melbourne poet Jas H Duke become a movie star. He had left home and settled in Brighton, an anarchist hotspot. He performed in the underground films of his neighbour, the cult UK filmmaker Jeff Keen. This exhibition features material from Duke's time in Brighton and his return to Melbourne in early 1973, where he became a member of Collective Effort Press (est. 1978). This is the story of how Duke became one of this country's most astonishing sound poets, the bellowing bull this city needed.

The curator would like to acknowledge the Estate of Jas H. Duke, Melbourne.

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## MAY 8 1973

HELD ARTHUR AND CONTINUE CANTAIL! my name is JAS DUKE and I have just returned to AUST after many years in West Urope damp which time I was hearly involved in the English underground more scene working with JEFF KEEN more years as any not know of. I plan to make more have as soon as I assuming the some support and I're just come access CANTRIL'S FLINNOTES and I sout you cash for 1 year subscription starting with No B and would like the meet you and perhaps tell you dood my PLANS and what yeas on the Augleland and you tell me what goes on here. I like the lask of year PEORLE MIX more that of and I dout the left from stills. The only Austright movies like seen were at the 1970 London Festival and I dout thake any of yours were there. Jetterstal to find you made a move about HARRY HOOTON (or I once met has beefly many years age but were the the year superinted me h. AGENT IN THE ANTRODES so perhaps we can anonge a super with him of some sort. His movies are either Known or Standard B. I got into the momes win PAINTING and WILLIAM BLARS and JH FUSELI who are my NO 1 HEROES apart from Elicha Cockyrn. You know when writing to PEOPLE I DO NOT KNOW I'm nevertoo sure what to say not harmon in the fory. I'm not much in favour of FESTIVAS In the fory. I'm not much in favour of FESTIVAS I think there should be SOMETHING going on all the time rather than by CONCENTRATED ORGES which are often too much. I'm vood at PAONETIC FORTHY of the SCHWITTERS ranket if you're interested in that SCHWITTERS ranket if you

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B36 STATION STREET BOX HILL BIRS telephone 89 4245 By the way I am totally bald. Does this way you? It seems to wary a lot of people for some reason. LOVE









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