

Ultra-red, Media Arts Collective-Sound/Performance Art on HIV/AIDS

April 9, 7 pm: "Silent/Listen: The Minutes"

Big Muddy Independent Media Center, 214 N. Washington St, Carbondale

April 14, 7pm: "Silent/Listen: The Record"

SIUC Student Health Center, 374 East Grand Avenue, Carbondale

Performances free and open to the public



In the world of modern electronic music and sound art, Ultra-red distinguish themselves for their intrepid blend of political commitment and innovative sound. Ultra-red have for over ten years pursued a precarious but dynamic exchange between art and political organizing. Collectively, the Los Angeles-based group has produced radio broadcasts, performances, recordings, installations and public space occupations.

Ultra-Red will be in residence at SIU for a week to work intensively with students to prepare a new iteration of their ongoing performance series "SILENT/LISTEN," a sound performance that live-mixes sound and interviews regarding the ongoing AIDS/HIV crisis. The piece seeks to explore questions like: "Where has the AIDS crisis been?" and "Where might it be going?" by listening to the voices of people who have

themselves been affected by the pandemic and the shifting politics surrounding it or active in confronting them. Ultra-Red has conducted iterations of the project across the U.S. and Canada and we are excited to welcome them to SIU. Ultra-Red will be working with a group of students with diverse interests and backgrounds in areas such as community arts, conceptual art, digital media, sound, music composition, performance, feminism and the arts, political activism, sexuality, public policy, community development, race and ethnic studies, public health, collaborative process, social research, urbanism, and obviously HIV/AIDS. The residency will take place from April 10-14, and students will be collaborating with Ultra-Red on a final performance of their work.

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