

You know then

Working with 943 Studio in Kunming, this was a collaborative research project through a month of dialogue, translation and performance situated in the local site and histories.



'You know then', Kathryn Gray, 2010, video still.

You know then started with simple questions towards professional and personal accounts of accumulation and disappearance. We spoke about the resonance of Chinese traditions and recent histories, as well as contemporary experiences of learning, making, money and loss.



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Interviews and performances were enacted with 943 artists, students and passersby. We overlapped our conversations and actions, now and then and towards the future.

Sidelining – substantiating – these gestures of factual and fictional encounter, You know then also generated small-scale clothing production in Kunming. Local fabric sellers and tailors were engaged to make grey marl hoodies. The pattern replicated an expensive Australian garment found for very cheap in a Melbourne garage sale. The hoodies made for this project also included text and audio instructions drawn from the interview process. An outfit construed for Kunming but generic for almost any context, these hoodies were offered for performers in the videos and presented for visitors to continue the performance throughout the opening.



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This exhibition project was staged on 5 November 2010 at Loft A Jinding Shan, in Kunming in the Yunnan province in China. You know then featured a 2 channel video installation and the invitation to wear the grey marl hoodie with text and audio. This residency was supported by the Ian Potter Cultural Trust.



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