



Created by Alex Davies, *The Black Box Sessions* presents a spectacle writ large in the intimacy of a personal theatre.

Experience unique performances in a pitch-black space by a talented troupe of international entertainers, captivating crooners and burlesque beauties.

Venue: UTS GALLERY
Level 4, 702 Harris Street, Ultimo

Dates: 1 June - 15 July 12-6pm

Public program:
Monday 6 June 6.15- 7.15pm

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THE BLACK BOX SESSIONS

UTS Gallery's 2011 artist-in-residence, **Alex Davies** has created an installation environment which shifts the relationship between performer and spectator. With a kind of uncanny voyeurism, this unique environment upends the dominant dimensions of visual perception.

Drawing on surveillance technology and notions of peepshows, the performances are viewed via an infrared camera and monitor system. The immersive darkness of the mediated space is, in the words of one viewer "*consciousness altering*". As only one person can view the show at a time, Davies has included a special waiting room to keep the audience entertained and build the anticipation as they await their turn.

UTS Gallery curator Tania Creighton comments, "*we are delighted that the six-week residency has given Alex the chance to develop this intriguing site-specific production. At our opening last night it was great to see the surprised reactions of the audience members after experiencing their own unique performance.*"

Sydney-based media artist Alex Davies is currently completing a PhD at the College of Fine Arts, University of NSW. He has been researching, developing and presenting award winning audio-visual installations nationally and internationally. Davies has recently returned from living and working in Europe where he presented a large interactive work *Häusliches Glück* in Linz, Austria.

With a practice spans a range of media including film, photography, spatial audio and responsive installations; at present, his work is based on around the development of mixed reality installations in which the audience find themselves as central characters in dynamic narratives.

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Join Andrew Frost for a lively discussion with UTS Gallery artist-in-residence Alex Davies as they discuss his practice and latest work. Free, all welcome, refreshments provided.

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IMAGE / *The Black Box Sessions*
performer Didi Bruckmayr.
Photo: Alex Davies

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