

[from 1978]

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jjjjjjjjjjjj (as long as you can say it, that's our name)

Founder members of jjjjjjjjjjjj were

Cris Cheek

P C Fencott

Lawrence Upton

jjjjjjjj formed at the *London Sound Poetry Festival* in June 1976. After its performance at *Kings College London* in March 1978, jjjjjjjjjjjj disbanded and did not perform again. *Balsam Flex / Typical Characteristics* (editor Erik Vonna-Michell) published an audio cassette tape of the jjjjjjjjjjjj performance at *Kings College London*.

The name should be uttered "jjjj", not said "j, g, j, g". There is no limit to the name's length - as you long as you could say it, that was the name.

According to the second and last jjjjjjjjjjjj information sheet, dating from 1978, jjjjjj performances were as follows:

- June 1976** National Poetry Centre, London - *joined by Bill Griffiths*
- March 1977** Battersea Arts Centre, London
- April 1977** Fylkingen Society for Experimental Art and Music, Stockholm - 2 performances
- April 1977** Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam / Tekst in Geluid Festival - 2 performances, *joined by Jeremy Adler for the second (Upton also performed a separate solo set as part of the festival)*
- April 1977** Literary Cafe, Amsterdam - *joined by Jeremy Adler*
- May 1977** National Poetry Centre - *included first / only performance of **Tulips**, a 3-voice piece for voice and movement, the first time that an entire performance by jjjjjj consisted of one piece*
- September 1977** Akademie der Kunste, Berlin - *joined by Jeremy Adler - the performance was one (untitled) piece, never repeated*
- November 1977** Swansea Arts Centre, Swansea - *the performance was one (untitled) piece, never repeated*
- March 1978** Kings College, London - *included **Another istory of the Middle East** and **The Bridge***

plus "jjjjjjjjjjjj events of which no prior warning was given"

- April 1977** *Hotel Event, Hotel Önsköld, Stockholm*
- April 1977** *Breakfast Event, Hotel Columbus, Amsterdam*
- May 1977** *Deck Event, Sealink Ferry, North Sea*
- September 1977** *the first and only **little worry interrupt**, Berlin*
- November 1977** *Dock Event, Swansea*
- March 1978** *fantastico*

jjjjjj ~~promises~~ promised a "jjjjjjjjjjjj book", containing "jjjjjjjjjjjj recipe section, write ups of events, details of death poetry, sheep poetry and wood poetry... and... hints for future reading"... ~~to be published soon~~

jjjjjjjjjjjj ~~is~~ was an ~~attitude~~ altitude of activity rather than an area of activity. rather than a category of activity.

no centres. all straws removed on entry. jjjjjjjjjjjj ~~is~~ was desirable."