David Cotterrell: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times (v)

Event Name: Salon Conversations: Collaborations
Venue/Location: AAIS Salon
Date: 26th May 2009
Supporting Organisation(s):
Architectural Association, London

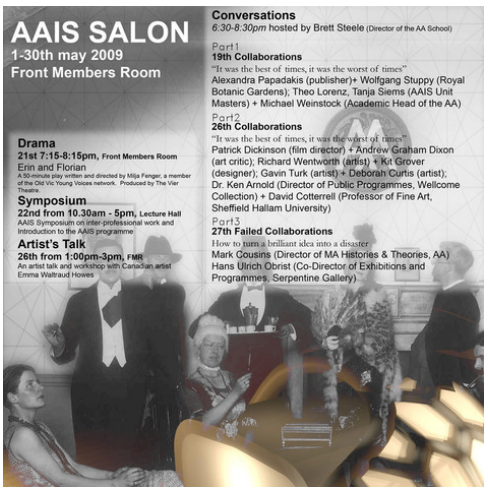
Chair/Other Speakers:
Brett Steele (Chair), Patrick Dickinson (Film-maker), Andrew Graham-Dixon (Art Critic), Richard Wentworth (Artist), Kit Grover (Designer), Ken Arnold (Wellcome Collection)

AA School Director Brett Steele hosts a conversation between pairs of collaborators who discuss their joint projects as well as the joys and pitfalls of working together. With Dr Ken Arnold (Wellcome Collection) + David Cotterrell (Artist); Patrick Dickinson (film director) + Andrew Graham Dixon (art critic); Richard Wentworth (artist) + Kit Grover (designer).

The second evening in the Salon Conversations: Collaboration series of presentations, panel discussions and open debate. Set in a former Georgian drawing room in the heart of today's Architectural Association, the exhibition Salon aims to restore the room to its original function as a place of stimulating conversation and the pursuit of knowledge. The AAIS is a new AA programme that gives experienced individuals an opportunity to step away from their existing professional or academic activities and enter the unique AA environment in order to see their own field and interests in a new light.

David Cotterrell and Dr Ken Arnold contributed to the event through the exploration of the collaborative challenges and issues raised through the development of the War and Medicine exhibition and the associated war artist residency with British Forces in Afghanistan.

Extracts from the event video documentation, filmed by Nick Wayne, are included here Courtesy of the Architectural Association.



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