

THE MUSEUM OF EVERYTHING AND HENRY DARGER (many thanks to JO & ROB for this wonderful recommendation!)



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At Jo and Roy's recommendation, I visited the [Museum of Everything](http://www.museumofeverything.com/) last Sunday. (DO GET YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS POURING IN! I will take them up and report back!! This blog entry is proof!) I walked to and from the museum (about 7km) at a temperature not fit for humans. Fortunately I was a hamster then (and now). Unfortunately, my little hands/feet (call them what you will – ok, limbs) could not have a good grip of the icy ground, so I slipped and landed on my ass. In Life 3.0, being the smart ass that I am, I turned my accident into a positive experience, and instead of trying to stand up and confront the chuckling spectators, I rolled myself on the ground, all the way to the Museum at [Sharples Hall Street](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Sharples+Hall+Street,+Camden,+London+NW1,+United+Kingdom&ll=51.541291,-0.158958&spn=0.022501,0.055747&ie=UTF8&ll=51.531067,-0.155611&spn=0.045011,0.111494&z=14), which is right next to Primrose Hill.

How glad I am to have visited. I quite like the show (though I must say that I find the term 'Outsider Art' – which the show has been described as – slightly problematic, the way all forms of ghetto-isation are, and also dangerous, to an extent, for a sort of mythologisation and romanticisation of artists and their processes. This is interesting also especially if the curators of a show are NOT outside but on the contrary, *inside* inside. Or perhaps this is meant to be an other of those clever contemporary self-reflexive joke?).

Anyways. I like the space, narrow even for me (I have been invariably described as 'diminutive' – yes yes, compared to you human beings I am vertically challenged, but please note that while I am a hamster, I am NOT a [dwarf hamster](http://www.flickr.com/photos/romap/2081592086/) than them). Being the last day of the show (20 Dec), the place was jam-packed. What a surprise. A very tall (nearly 200cm) young man with very arresting green eyes tells me that the space used to be a dairy. The way the artworks are arranged is quite clever, efficient and intimate. For the uninitiated (like this writer for instance), this might have even appeared to be a show by a single artist. Which goes to show, either that the selection of artists/artworks is a result of their similar aesthetic approaches, or that the curators have done a good job in unifying the entire show in a sharp and coherent manner, or both.

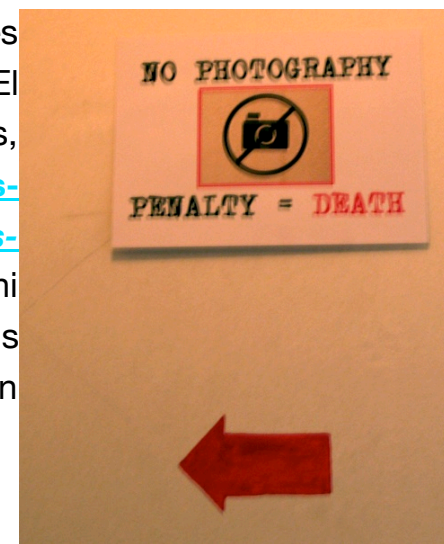
My favourite, favourite is [Henry Darger](http://www.hammergallery.com/Artists/darger/Darger.htm). I stared for some time at his large superwidescreen drawings of toddlers in what looks like edens. There is as much violence as there is beauty, transience as there is timelessness, comehither -ness as there is repugnance and repulsion. The drawings are highly restrained as they are *too much*.



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This concoction of emotions is rather powerful. I quickly travel back in time and cycle through my bank of memory and knowledge, and immediately many names, images and sounds jump up for my attention: Bosch's *Garden of Earthly Delights*, Chagall, El Greco, Elsie Beckmann and Hans Beckert/Peter Lorre in Lang's *M*, Chapman Brothers, the muse of Lewis Carroll and imaginations of Nabokov, AES+F's [Last Riot](http://www.aes-group.org/last_riot2.asp?number=02), and of course, the Great Pretender Takashi Murakami and his faux naïf approach. I also recall that I had felt this surge of feelings only a few times before in my previous life: when I saw Boltanski's solo exhibition in France, a Mark Rothko painting in Chicago, and Chris Marker's *Sans Soleil*.

I came back, and tell myself that I must, must go and find out more about Darger.



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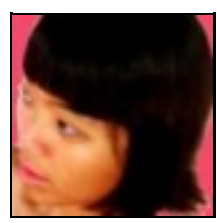


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x
Kaidie

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[Dec 26, 2009 @ 16:35 \(#comment-55\)](#)

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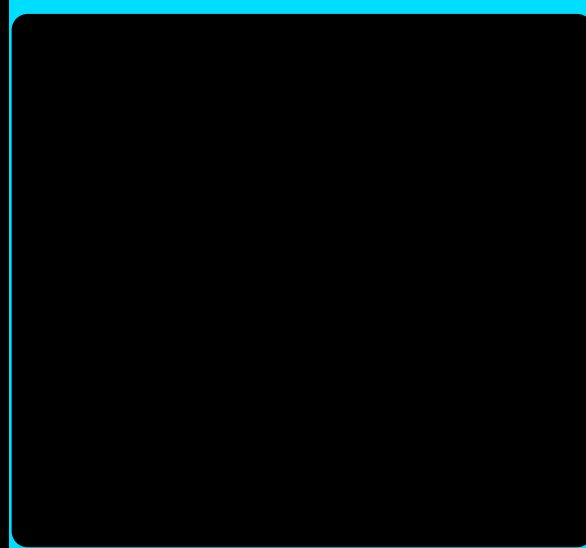
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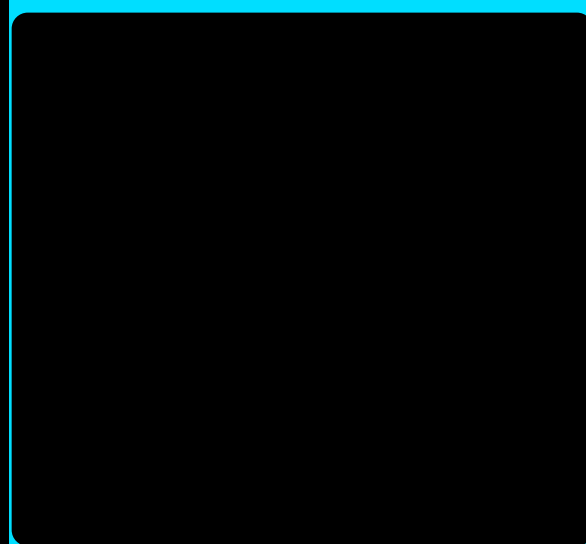
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[DAY 26: KAIDIE'S PINKU EIGA \(=blue movie in english\) \(= yellow movie in chinese\) \(= the spongey saga continues in Life 3.0\). \(http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2010/01/pinku-eiga/\)](http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2010/01/pinku-eiga/)

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[SO WE'VE CROSSED OVER TO 2010: DAY 21 OF KAIDIE'S MISADVENTURES IN LIFE 3.0. \(http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2010/01/newyear/\)](http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2010/01/newyear/)

[GOODBYE 2009. GOODBYE NOUGHTIES. \(http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/disembodied/\)](http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/disembodied/)

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(A)LIVE CHAT HERE!

YOU! TALK TO KAIDIE!

*29.12.2009: BREDA

(via Facebook):

You need focus and action!

*29.12.2009: VASSILI
(via Facebook):
Become water! (via Bruce Lee)

*26.12.2009: EADAM:
Get a dog for Xmas!

*21.12.2009: GORO:
Do not mix your drinks!

*21.12.2009: DADAM:
Wear red cord at treadmill!

* 16.12.2009: LUCY:
'Focus, Kaidie, focus!'

* 13.12.2009: JO & ROB:
'Visit Museum of Everything!'

Advise Kaidie, and a bitesized version pops up here.
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

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(<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/sponge/>)

3rdlifekaidie:

Hi AA, Happy new year to you too. Thanks for... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/sponge/#comment-68>)

AnalogueAna:

hi Kaidie happy new year Nice pink! but im a naturalist...
(<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/sponge/#comment-64>)

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3rdlifekaidie:

Dear Edam, Merry belated Xmas to you too! Thank you... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/mind-over-matter/#comment-62>)

Eadam:

A belated Merry Christmas Kaidie from Life 0.5. I wanted... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/mind-over-matter/#comment-57>)

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DAYS. (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/day7/>)

3rdlifekaidie:

Dear Minitoka Yes you can quote me, so long as you... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/day7/#comment-61>)

minitoka:

I want to quote your post in my blog. It... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/day7/#comment-58>)

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3rdlifekaidie:

Dear Goro, Thanks for your advice- I will put it... (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/sitemap2/#comment-56>)

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3rdlifekaidie:

Hi Instant High - or is it Instan Thigh? The exhibition...
(<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/henrydarger/#comment-55>)

instanthigh4:

hi kaidy exh sounds awesome - is it still on? (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/henrydarger/#comment-53>)

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3rdlifekaidie:

亲爱的hyl, 那当然! 小强精神万岁!! 除了小强, 我应该变身成那一些动物或人物呢? 多谢你的意见 + 支持! 请多指教。凯敌 (<http://3rdlifekaidie.com/2009/12/stupid2/#comment-52>)