



State of Mind: Importance of the Work at Hand

The Howard Hughes Memos

In the later part of his life, the American engineer, pilot, film director and billionaire **Howard R. Hughes** developed **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)**.

Due to this condition (which was not diagnosed in his lifetime), Hughes insisted on rigorous and often bizarrely complicated **procedures** for even the most mundane tasks.

He communicated these demands to his aides through a great number of handwritten **memos**, collectively known as the “**Operations Manual**”.

“**Importance of the Work at Hand**” is a **song cycle** by Danish solo artist **State of Mind**, based solely on excerpts from these original memos.

The work explores the human **psyche** and its (sometimes misguided) attempts to create order in a **chaotic** world. This feeling is evoked by the sound of the human **voice** surrounded by disturbing **electronic soundscapes**.

“**Importance of the Work at Hand**” is released as a **limited edition** cd in a specially designed box, containing 13 printed **cards** with lyrics and **original photos** by Steen Tronsgaard.

The album will also be available for **download** on iTunes and other leading digital stores.

“**Importance of the Work at Hand**” is released **November 7, 2011**.

Pre-release party at **Rust**, Copenhagen, Denmark on **Thursday November 3, 2011** at 8.00 pm.

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