

"We will now review the minutes from statements entered into the record." Presented at seven different art institutions around Canada and the United States, SILENT LISTEN asks local communities to enter statements into the record of the AIDS crisis in the present day. Ultrared's first major project located in North America, SILENT LISTEN connects the AIDS activism of Ultra-red members Peel, Rhine and Sember with the once-vibrant work of the arts in providing spaces for reflection. analysis and action to fight AIDS. Each presentation of SILENT | LISTEN begins with a performance of John Cage's composition for silence 4'33", thus juxtaposing silence as the condition for listening with the classic AIDS activist refrain, "SILENCE=DEATH." In addition to these seemingly contradictory notions of silence, Ultra-red's project also invokes the art installation Let the record show... (1987). In this storefront installation displayed at New York's New Museum of Contemporary Art, artists from ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), created a visual tableaux that referenced the Nuremberg tribunals as an appropriate response to government, medical and religious malfeasance that had made AIDs a political crisis. With **SILENT LISTEN**, Ultra-red opens the record to amplify how the AIDS crisis is experienced today, and, by listening to the record, conceive of actions based on what is heard.

Many individuals contributed to the making of this album either by their statements entered into the record or by facilitating Ultra-red's presence at the institutions where **SILENT | LISTEN** has been performed. Ultra-red consider all these people partners in opening the record for reflection, analysis and action. Special thanks for guidance during the making of this album go to Janna Graham, Walt Senterfit, David Gere, and the entire Ultra-red organization.

For The Minutes, Ultra-red organize themselves as Eddie Peel (binomial), Dont Rhine (by-the-way) and Robert Sember (bi-national). Sending his regards is Pablo Garcia (byte-stream). Sleeve by **ur**. Sound mastering by Tejada. Web mastering by Thaemlitz. Public Record

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