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Paul Butler's Collage Party

March 9-12, 2008 @ JMB Gallery,
Hart House

By Kerry Freek

Noises at Hart House's JMB Gallery on Sunday, March 9: chatter, clatter, slicing, CBC Radio. Two sorts of 'bringing together' here: 1) Collage itself is

indicative of community, with elements and media coming from different backgrounds to become one chaotic (and possibly cohesive) piece. 2) As exacto knives make deft slices to the innocent pages of used magazines, the public (collage/craft enthusiasts, parents, children, friends, art students, etc.) mix and mingle with local artists and each other to produce a room full of far-out hybrids and other cut-and-pasted wonders.



Paul Butler's **Collage Party** is a traveling participatory art event not unlike the worldly uncle you see once every few years. Butler, Winnipeg artist and the director of the web-based **The Other Gallery**, has been organizing collage parties all around the world since around 2002. Collage Party has made appearances in New York, Winnipeg, Montréal, Los Angeles, Berlin and Scotland – and it's already been to Toronto at least twice before (at MoCCA in 2006; The Power Plant in 2002).

This month, as JMB Gallery joined the increasingly tally of Collage Party hosts, professional input came from artists such as Micah Lexier, Derek Sullivan, Roula Partheniou, Maura Doyle, Tyler Clark-Burke, Sandy Plotnikoff, Anitra Hamilton, Kristan Horton, Dave Dymont, Zin Taylor, Kerri Reid, Katie Bethune-Leamen, and Jon Sasaki. The artists met for a few days beforehand to transform the gallery into an experimental workspace, and the public was invited to contribute for four days following the

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