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*in the sense of a therapeutic exposition, testing limitations, reactions of the psyche and of the body, of the realities and the senses, relating to direct social and behavioural environments and surroundings, of mankind and its un/doings. instinctive, animalistic and emotional sides of existence, in search of an origin, not as much as a reduction but in the sense of a release from the omnipresent infatuation and swoon of the idiots and assholes and their reduction of being that debase dignity. illusion is a natural condition.*

**dave phillips + r. h.y. yau** presents "*illusion is a natural condition*", the long anticipated phillips + yau collaborations culled between 2000–2005. **dave phillips** began his musical career when he was 17, co-founding the hardcore extremists Fear of God in 1987. As Fear of God developed Phillips began to see that their faster, shorter, noisier approaches to grindcore were merely a springboard for more psychologically challenging and physically demanding artforms. Soon after Fear of God's demise in 1989, he joined the actionist Schimpflich-Gruppe which has followed the traditions of abjection and transgression as dictated by the Viennese Aktionists. phillips has further developed these transgressions along with socio-political actionism in his solo efforts. **r. h.y. yau** is a curator and sound artist who has been active in the sonic arts since 1993. Yau's sonic works are inspired by sound poetry, actionism, and the processes of musique concrete. But bored by the musique concrete's academic cliques, Yau creates what he calls "action-concrete." These organic synapses of voice, body, and raw materiality are then combined with raw electronics to sound experiences of both ultra-violence and absolute absurdity at its most base level.

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