GALLERY AFERRO

Elevator Music 7: IDES
Curated by Juno Zago

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Gallery Aferro Elevator Installation
73 Market Street, Newark

GALLERY HOURS
Wednesday - Saturday
12pm - 6pm
and by appointment

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Elevator Music is a continuous rotation of experimental sound art curated for the permanent Elevator Music installation on the second floor of Gallery Aferro. The installation is comprised of a very early Otis Elevator (single digit) from the early 1900s excavated from the basement of Gallery Aferro’s facilities at 73 Market Street. The Elevator was cleaned up, refurbished and equipped with a motion sensor-activated media player. Guests enter the elevator and the audio-works are activated, analogous to the ways we may enter a functioning elevator ready to deliver us to our desired (or undesired) destination.

Elevator Music is a space where audio works can become accessible within a visual arts gallery experience. Over the years the installation has taken on many forms, from musical mix-tapes to experimental “studio sounds.” Currently in its seventh iteration, entering Elevator Music brings the viewer to a new, personal space to listen and reflect on alternative forms of creative expression.

IDES includes band members Jill, Nick, Nicholas and Tony
Elevator Music 7: IDES, curated by Juno Zago, invites visitors to step inside an early-1900s refurbished Otis Elevator and experience the work of New Jersey radical thinkers expertly remixing discord, introspection and hope.

IDES, an iconoclastic 4-piece punk band accelerating into the 22nd century, embraces unabashed lovers of both hardcore’s brutal dissonance and pop’s sharpest hooks. While combining harshness and harmony into a hybrid sound all their own, IDES’ music centers on concepts of loneliness, disparity, and withdrawal, both tangible and conceptual.

Though the music can be jarring and the subject matter bleak, IDES believes in the glimmer of hope hidden in their songs: “There is a power in letting go and embracing our darker selves. And if you find yourself relating to any part of what you are hearing, know that you are not alone.”

IDES has self-released two LP albums and several Extended Plays. Their 2021 split-release with their comrades in Sunrot marks their 10th year as a band. IDES members includes: Jill (vocals), Nick (guitar + vocals), Nicholas (bass) and Tony (drums).

Enjoy their music at Gallery Aferro, then purchase their work via their Bandcamp page: www.idesnj.bandcamp.com