

EVENT: UNCLE ROY ALL AROUND YOU

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■ Uncle Roy All Around You MANCHESTER

The artists collectively known as Blast Theory, who define themselves as a "new media and mixed reality group", present a pseudo-spy thriller subtitled *Would You Put Your Trust In A Stranger?* Utilising webcams, audio and text messaging, wireless interfaces and interactive software, they set up an ongoing search for their (dreamt up?)

Uncle Roy. A gang of street activists will be sent out with handheld computers through the streets of the city. Online contributors are invited to

offer their help via the website www.uncleroyallaroundyou.co.uk. The BBC Big Screen in Exchange Square will also be involved as a virtual city of ludicrous suspense is overlaid onto the actual day-to-day architecture of Manchester itself. RC Cornerhouse, Wed 28 to May 8



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Manchester Blast Theory are the UK's leading new media arts group and have won numerous awards for their interactive performance-based events. **Uncle Roy all around you** made its debut at the ICA last year and takes participants with hand-held computers into an unexpected world of urban games both real and online. The starting point is the Cornerhouse (28 April-8 May) but there is also access at URBIS which is hosting futuresonic04 (29 April-2 May), an international festival of electronic music and media arts (www.futuresonic.com).