



Xing
presents

thursday 2 March 2023 7 pm

CHIK WHITE (Can)
Fractured Utterance
sound performance

Bologna
Hole 44°29'38.3"N 11°20'47.5"E
meeting point: Loggia del Palazzo della Mercanzia

On Thursday 2 March at 7 pm **Xing** presents in Bologna, for the first time in Italy, the Canadian musician **chik white** with ***Fractured Utterance***, a sound performance for jaw harp, voice, noseflute, harmonica and contact microphones. The event is a new **Hole** by Xing.

Fractured Utterance is a solo by chik white, stage name of Darcy Spidle, musician, screenwriter and actor from Canada. After a noise and punk musical past, chik white music took a minimalist turn when he moved to Chezzetcook, on the rural coast of Nova Scotia. Around then, he acquired a collection of handmade jaw harps and began a regular ritual of improvising on the instruments in natural settings. Over time, his harp project morphed into experimental territory and has come to incorporate a visceral freeform approach that explores harmonics, texture, breathwork, and sound poetry. In his live performance ***Fractured Utterance***, chik white emphasizes the psychedelic qualities of the jaw harp, playing strikingly on this very limited instrument, one of the oldest in the world. The 'jaw harp' is played by plucking a reed while changing the volume of the oral cavity. In the end it is just a metal doodad that vibrates and resonates in the skull of the player, almost a memento mori, frightening and weird, which also produces a hypnotic dreaminess immersed in folkloric and ancestral echoes. The object becomes one with the musician's body, and from this symbiosis emerge minimal human sounds (mixed in some cases with the surrounding nature, when he uses the instrument to jam with the landscape and weather), interwoven with the sharp metallic shocks of the harp, accompanied by invisible drones.

chik white is Darcy Spidle's stage name adopted in 2004, for his role as vocalist in Eastern Canadian crust-punk band The Hold. That project lasted five years and saw two full-length albums, multiple singles/EPs, and several tours. Spidle kept the chik white name for a few other noisy projects, including Vennt, Attack Mode, and Shitcook. He also uses the pseudonym for his work as an actor (*Lowlife*, *Tin Can*, *The Sinner*). Since 2009 he has started playing jaw harp, incorporating preparations, techniques, and performative elements. He also dabbles with noseflute, horns of various sorts, harmonica, and guitar. His work, at times, also utilizes field recordings of the coastal region in which he lives. chik white continues to perform live internationally and has issued over two dozen albums, including releases on Feeding Tube Records, Kraak, Notice, and Cafe Oto's Takuroku imprint. He's also collaborated with Bill Nace, Xuan Ye, and Colin Fisher. In 2021 he released his first audiovisual composition, *marshlands*, and he is about to follow that up with *Altered Voicing*, a series of musical short films. In 2023 chik white will premiere a new classical jaw harp concerto written by composer Bekah Simms, in Toronto with Continuum Contemporary Music. He also has a collab LP with Bill Nace and two solo albums scheduled for release this year.
<https://darcyspidle.com/chikwhite/> <https://chikwhite.bandcamp.com>

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Where

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secret place > meeting point: Loggia del Palazzo della Mercanzia - Piazza della Mercanzia - Bologna

limited capacity - reservations required : info@xing.it

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