Can we find joy in loss?
The Joy of Loss, 16-28 September 2011

Artist/composer David Sudmalis attempts to dissect the emotionally-charged notion of loss in a multi-disciplinary exhibition opening Friday 16 September at QUT’s The Block (Kelvin Grove).

*The Joy of Loss* is an investigation of the terrain sculpted through loss, transformation, transcendence and overcoming.

Sound, image, performance, space, metaphor, language and silence come together to develop a shared emotional understanding of loss and its joyous, cathartic qualities.

“Loss is but the starting point – the moment of departure,” Mr Sudmalis said.

“It is in dealing with loss and the journey that this entails that drives this work.

“It is that porous membrane of experience, memory, emotion and physicality through which we all must pass.”

The exhibition is comprised of distinct gestures which interact, have shared characteristics and can influence each other:

- Fire installation
- Air and infrasonic installation
- Eight-channel surround sound installation
- Live dance/movement performance
- Live music performance
- Silent interviews

Sudmalis requests people share their stories of loss as part of the project. Participants can Tweet #TheJoyOfLoss or submit stories or videos to the project blog at [www.thejoyofloss.blogspot.com](http://www.thejoyofloss.blogspot.com).

Three live performances featuring dance stimulated by intuitive gesture and improvised sound and music occur during the exhibition season:

- 15 September (opening night), 6.40pm
- 16 September, 3.30pm
- 28 September (closing night), 5.30pm

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**The Joy of Loss**
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The Block, QUT Creative Industries Precinct
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Admission: Free

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David Sudmalis
The Joy of Loss 2011
Multi-platform installation
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