



This Is What You Get

Stanley Donwood | Radiohead | Thom Yorke
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- Complete survey of the collaboration between Stanley Donwood and Thom Yorke for the band, Radiohead
- Many previously unpublished works and notebooks included
- Exclusive interview with Thom Yorke and Stanley Donwood
- Includes essay by the novelist Ben Myers
- A major retrospective will be held at the Ashmolean Museum from August 2025 to January 2026

This major retrospective catalogue is the first institutional show focusing on the visual works of art by Stanley Donwood and Thom Yorke. The majority of the paintings, drawings and digital works were specifically made for Yorke's internationally celebrated band Radiohead, formed in Oxford in 1985. This features iconic artworks from the 1980s until today, relating to Radiohead albums, their covers and promotional band images, as well as sketchbooks and rare materials from their archives that have never before been published. It offers fresh views on the art of album covers, exploring the complex relationship between visual art and music.

Radiohead was formed in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, in 1985. The collaboration with the artist Stanley Donwood began in 1994 when the band was developing their second album, *The Bends*, which was released on 13th March, 1995. 2025 is therefore the 40-year anniversary of the band and the 30-year anniversary of the release of *The Bends*. The catalogue's focus is upon the art produced by both Stanley Donwood and the band's lead vocalist, Thom Yorke presented chronologically. Radiohead's popularity has never waned and they have a strong core following and new fans (many of who are the children of 'original' fans).

The high-quality reproductions are complemented by exclusive interviews with the artists, and essays by Alex Farquharson, Nico Kos Earle, Benjamin Myers, James Putnam and Jennifer Ramkalawon.

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