

COMMON CULTURE
CABARET



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16 JULY – 11 SEPTEMBER

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16 July – 11 September 2016
Open Tuesday to Sunday, 11am – 6pm
First Floor Gallery

FREE ADMISSION

Artist group Common Culture (David Campbell, Mark Durden and Ian Brown) present new moving image work made in response to the unruly traditions of popular entertainment. They are drawn to the seductive allure of the entertainment industry, a space where individual creative ambition is processed as formulaic spectacle. Their new video installation, *Vent*, specially commissioned for **mac**, examines popular culture's obsessive fascination with the excesses and indulgences of 'celebrity' and the public's willingness to consume the cruel spectacle of television talent and confessional interview shows. Combining traditions of cabaret with forms of presentation modeled on televisual spectacle they use ventriloquism and impersonation to comically unravel the absurdly narcissistic and confessional nature of celebrity culture and highlight the in-authenticities of the entertainment industry.

(Closed Monday, except Bank Holidays)

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**ASSOCIATED
EVENT**
Artist talk with
COMMON CULTURE
Tuesday 6 September, 7pm
Hexagon Theatre
Tickets £3

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