



BRISTOL'S GOLDEN RECORD

In 1997 NASA launched the Voyager 1 spaceship containing a golden record with sounds, music, and 116 images chosen to represent the human race to extra-terrestrials if they were to ever to intercept it. We want to create Bristol's Golden Record.

We will install a giant model spaceship in Lloyd's amphitheatre in Millennium Square for citizens of Bristol to write, draw, or speak something of their choosing in response to the question: 'how would you represent Bristol to an alien?'. Their messages will then be converted into radio waves and broadcast into space by a transmitter on top of the craft.

A ramp will lead up to the spaceship's platform where the six stations for creating the messages will be. Golden LED strip lights will run from the screens to the satellite base. This will signify that their message is being sent off and creates an intriguing visual effect when it gets dark.

The three main themes that lead us to this intervention are: mystery & intrigue, fun, and obscure interactions. We hope to peak people's interest by introducing something completely out of the ordinary that's function will be a mystery until they come to interact with the installation. We want the people of Bristol to take a short break from the cyclical, mundanity of everyday life, enjoy themselves and possibly even communicate with extra-terrestrial life.

