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Me & Mr Jones

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An intriguing Saturday afternoon, spent at the lovely Chelsea Space gallery, SW1. @funkturn and I were on the trail of the Mick Jones Rock & Roll Public Library.

Essentially it's a warehouse packed full of popular culture artefacts collected by yer man Mick over the years, transported over to South West London for all to admire. It was like witnessing three decades of youth culture crammed into an art space of a tardis.

The Clash of course figure heavily, but let us not forget the brilliant Big Audio Dynamite. With clothing, gold discs and personal possessions on display, there was a very real sense of seeing pop culture history right in front of you.

The personal note from Uncle Joe to Jones was probably the highlight of the exhibition for me; the original lyrics for Good Morning Britain I could have done without.

@funkturn seemed to enjoy the analogue hardware on show, but then he's a genuine rock & roll star himself. I didn't expect him to get excited as I was over the Elvis Monopoly.

We passed a pleasant half hour or so poking around. We could have stayed longer, but I think we were starting to attract a bit of attention with our LIVE! podcast action (whaddy mean you weren't listening?)

The Mick Jones Rock & Roll Public Library is on show at Chelsea Space until the 18th April.

Highly recommended.