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'*Struck by Hammers*' Julia Manheim/Helen Dowling
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The current exhibition at m2 gallery features a short video 'Struck by Hammers' shown at street level. Preparation out-takes from the video are projected from the side wall of the same building after dark.

Artists Manheim and Dowling teamed up in 2005 in response to an invitation from Chelsea College of Art to make a video, maximum three minutes long, under the general title of 'Performance Furniture'.

The result is 'Struck by Hammers' in which Manheim performs a piece of furniture with sub-titled clues to help the viewer guess what the piece of furniture might be.

The felt costume was designed and made specially for the video by Ian Batten, who worked collaboratively with Manheim and Dowling to come up with an appropriate piece of clothing which would be practical and functional as well as aesthetically interesting.

Hopefully, this is just the first in a series of collaborative video works by, Manheim and Dowling and Batten. They have started work on a Performance Clothing video and Performance Singing is in the research stages.