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Life on Mars & Other Music from Other Worlds December 5 [Fri] 9 PM \$12

New visual and aural experiments from the Spacemasters at MMLXII

NASA's Sojourner gave us the pictures. But it failed to provide a fully scored film on what life might have been on Mars. The **Spacemasters at MMLXII** have risen to the challenge. Scheduled on December 5 are the spoils of their latest voyage to the origins of life, featuring James Elaine's lush ambient films and William Basinski's new electronic soundtrack--Life on Mars & Other Music from Other Worlds. Also appearing will be a special emissary from Venus--the enigmatic "surreal compassionist" composer-performer Antony. A set of fractured mixed media sculptures will be created by Sasha Noë.

Drawing from underground cabaret performance, Life on Mars and Music from Other Worlds is a set of visual and audio experiments in atmospheric film, music, and live performance. Footage of early forms of life blends with sonic experiments reminiscent of the 1950s discovery of quasars and black holes. Following the development of surreal and voluptuous forms, Life on Mars turns into a highly sophisticated sonic landscape, such as one might contemplate from Mars, quasars, or other parts of the universe. Funky Muzak for the MIR space station? Actually, the music of tomorrow today.

The Kitchen is located at 512 West 19th Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues. Tickets are \$12. For more information or to reserve press comps, please call 212.255.5793.