

ARTHUR RUSSELL

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Instrumentals April 27, 1975

Musicians: Garrett List, Peter Gordon, Jon Sholle, Andy Paley, Ernie Brooks, Jon Gibson, Rhys Chatham, Arthur Russell, Dave Van Tieghem. With color slides by Yuko Nonomura, operated by Carlota Schoolman. "Before January, and more and more since, I was awakened, or re-awakened, to the bright-sound and magical qualities of the bubblegum and easy-listening currents in American popular music. . . . Since in most popular music a lyric is the focus of a song, and since in popular music a song without words, in order to be a commercial success, must have a special quality of its own, and since the music for the color slides was not structured on speech patterns, I ended up calling the piece "Instrumentals".