

dreamtracks

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Looking at how we can be shaped by our environment and how this can mould our worldview and attire, I have decided to explore cultures who use or react to their environments very differently to that of my own.

Aboriginals and their Songlines, also referred to as Dreaming-Tracks, who mark the routes across the land by singing the world into existence, alongside nature rituals of the Orient imbued with rural superstitions, became the starting point of the new collection.

Allowing my observations, concerns and projections, which stem from my own Urban daily paths, to be channelled through Songlines and nature-based superstitions, gave way to new "form searching" and draping methods, which simulate my daily urban paths, whilst Aboriginal scoring and mapping gave way to fabric developments and prints.

Following the pre-collection Audition 1, 'Dreamtracks' became the second step towards entering further into alien worlds this time also harnessing sound and prose.

We are living in an entitled liquid era where any kind of pursuit is acceptable - without necessarily the relevant training or skills, perhaps we are witnessing an emerging generation of people who are pursuing dreams without the training, the skills or the know how - a scenario where merit and ownership is completely being redefined.

In Dreamtracks, I challenge my own sense of entitlement, and if I can also momentarily switch my role from a designer to a sound narrator like the Aboriginals, this time 'voicing my own daily urban paths into existence' as an audio background setting for the collection.

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Music produced by Mark Moore & Dan Donovan

Lyrics, melodies and vocals by Hussein Chalayan

Music written and arranged by Dan Donovan, Mark Moore & Hussein Chalayan

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Mark Moore

Mark Moore is a producer, DJ, remixer and songwriter who hit the charts with his band S'Express. He has collaborated with the likes of Prince, Malcolm McLaren and Philip Glass, to name a few, and is currently writing a book about his teen-punk exploits and musical awakening.

Dan Donovan

Dan Donovan is a keyboard player, composer, DJ and photographer. He was a founder member of the bands Big Audio Dynamite and Dreadzone. He has a DJ partnership with Paul Simonon from The Clash and is currently working on a musical.