

## Tim Britton - Forkbeard Fantasy

We'd done a few NRLA gigs before and known Nikki since she ran the Brillig Arts Centre in Bath in the '70s. What was delicious about our first NRLA appearance in the guise of those international jet-setting avant garde film directors Brittonioni Brothers was that the Forkbeard Fantasy moniker wasn't in any publicity anywhere. In those days there were always a few performance art purists who disapproved strongly of FF for their sins of humour & being entertaining. So the BBs arrived with their 16mm projectors, their Brylcreme and mirror-lens shades, Chrissy's *italiano pantalones* and Timmy's gut busting the

buttons of his shirt. We played late night last event of the festival to a packed cinema (sharing the projection box as our dressing-room with Neil Bartlett, that year's wonderful MC), showed a few films and then started climbing in and out of the screen - which was all pretty novel at the time. Uproar and hilarity. Who *are* these guys!? Where do they come from?? And then we skidaddled off back to Devon, our real identities still a mystery to some.

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