



Interview: Discarded Beatles' White Albums become this man's treasures

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original vinyl copies of the [Beatles'](#) White Album to display them in artistic fashion. His project, called "[We Buy White Albums.](#)" is being featured by Recess.org, which offers exposure for artists' work and a space for activity that initiates an interaction with the public.

We questioned him about his work.

Q: How did the "We Buy White Albums" project develop?

Rutherford Chang: "I'm interested in the way that each copy has aged uniquely and become an artifact of the last half-decade. I bought my second copy of "The White Album" seven years ago and have continued since then."

Q: The "We Buy White Albums" project seems almost like a Yoko Ono type of art project. Did she have any influence on you in this?

Rutherford Chang: "I wasn't thinking about Yoko Ono while making the work, but would be curious to know her reaction. She hasn't visited the show yet."

Q: So is this an art project, a [music](#) project or both?

Rutherford Chang: "I approached it as an art project, but am making a record, so I suppose it's both."

Q: According to the press release, it will close on March 9. Will that be the end of the project?

Rutherford Chang: "I've been recording all of the White Albums I've been listening to during the exhibition and at the end will press a new double-LP of all the recordings layered on top of each other. It will be like playing a hundred White Albums at once, each scratched and warped in its own way."

Q: What will you do with all the White Albums after March 9 when the Recess exhibit closes or the project ends?

Rutherford Chang: The collection has been ongoing and will continue.

Q: If someone wants their album included in the Project, how do they contact you? Is there a fee for being included or do you buy the albums?

Rutherford Chang: "I am buying numbered copies of "The White Album" in any condition. Donations are happily accepted as well. If you would like to part with a copy, bring it to Recess, 41 Grand Street, New York, or email me at rutherfordchang@gmail.com."

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