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Jim James, TVOTR Members, Mac McCaughan Write Music for Art Show

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Xaviera Simmons, *Session Three: Player, Thundersnow Road*, from the project *Thundersnow Road, North Carolina, 2010*. Color photograph. Commissioned by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University. Courtesy of the artist. With accompanying song, "Of The Mother Again," written, recorded and performed by Yim Yames with Dave Givan on drums.

From September 2, 2010 through February 6, 2011, [The Nasher Museum of Art](#) at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina hosts a new exhibition called "[The Record: Contemporary Art and Vinyl](#)", which aims to "explore the culture of vinyl records within the history of contemporary art [through] sound work, sculpture, installation, drawing, painting, photography, video, and performance."

Along with works by the likes of Laurie Anderson and David Byrne and a "16-foot canoe made of red 45-rpm records," "The Record" features a new multi-media piece by visual artist [Xaviera Simmons](#) called "Thundersnow Road". It includes photographs of characters posing in various North Carolina landscapes as well as accompanying songs inspired by each photo. Simmons got some heavy hitters to write the original tunes, including My Morning Jacket's Jim James (as Yim Yames), TV On the Radio members Kyp Malone (as Rain Machine), Tunde Adebimpe (as Prolex with Ryan Sawyer), and Jaleel Burton, along with Superchunk's Mac McCaughan collaborating with Les Savy Fav's Harrison Haynes, and more.

The "Thundersnow Road" soundtrack will be played at the museum, and-- in the spirit of the exhibition-- Merge is helping to press 1,000 LPs of it. (No word on how the records will be distributed yet.) For more information on "The Record", head over to [The Nasher Museum's official site](#), and check out a list of all the contributors to the "Thundersnow Road" soundtrack below along with some photos from the piece:

"Thundersnow Road" soundtrack:

- 01 Rain Machine: "Thundersnow Road"
- 02 Yim Yames: "Of The Mother Again"
- 03 Prolex (Tunde Adebimpe and Ryan Sawyer): "Thundersnow Lightworks"
- 04 IFE: "Home"
- 05 "Moist" Paula Henderson: "Boxer Farmer"
- 06 Harrison Haynes and Mac McCaughan: "Murdering a Rock"
- 07 Simi Stone and Ben Vita: "Take the Light"
- 08 Austin McCutchen: "Two Tracks"
- 09 Ben Chace and Paul Defiglia: "Wandering Through the Pines"
- 10 Jaleel Burton: "Devil Won't Let Me Ride"

Tracks included in the exhibition but not on the 12":

- Katrina Ford: "In Your Arms"
- Midnight Masses: "The Cross"
- Matt Whyte/Earl Greyhound: "The Places That Scare You"
- "Moist" Paula Henderson: "Kitty Hawk Man"
- Dragons of Zyrnth: "Alhambra Metropolis"



Xaviera Simmons, *Session Seven: Mountain and Pointer*, from the project *Thundersnow Road, North Carolina, 2010*. Color photograph. Commissioned by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University. Courtesy of the artist. With accompanying song, "Thundersnow Lightworks" written, performed and produced by Tunde Adebimpe and Ryan Sawyer.



Xaviera Simmons, *Session Four: Boxer Farmer*, from the project *Thundersnow Road, North Carolina, 2010*. Color photograph. Commissioned by the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University. Courtesy of the artist. With accompanying song, "Murdering A Rock," written and recorded by Harrison Haynes and Mac McCaughan.

Posted by Ryan Dombal on June 4, 2010 at 1:20 p.m.

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