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DOWNLOAD SITE:

[HTTP://NOISETRADE.COM/DJGWASHERE](http://noisetrade.com/djgwashere)

EXHIBIT LOCATION

1819 Central Event Space + Gallery
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BANDS GIVE PUBLIC FREE 35-SONG ALBUM TO HONOR KANSAS CITY ARTIST DANNY J. GIBSON

DJG Was Here Available as Free Download from NoiseTrade.com,
“Quietly Contributing – Poster Art of DJG Design” Exhibit Open Now

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – For a decade, artist Danny J. Gibson created album covers and concert posters for bands. Now those bands have created a 35-song album for him, and it is available to the public as a free download from NoiseTrade.com. As if determined to prove to the public that there is, in fact, such a thing as a “free lunch,” Gibson himself is also offering the public the opportunity to see 440 of his posters at a free exhibit in Kansas City.

The album, titled *DJG Was Here*, is available to the public through NoiseTrade.com (<http://noisetrade.com/djgwashere>), and features artists both locally based and from as far away as London. Contributing artists include The Elevator Division, The ACBs, namelessnumberheadman, The Elms, members of The Billions, and artists signed to Kansas City-based record imprint The Record Machine (State Bird, Max Justus), among others.

Gibson’s art exhibit, titled “Quietly Contributing – Poster Art of DJG Design,” opened Sept. 2 and will remain available to the public through at least the end of October at the 1819 Central Event Space & Gallery in the Crossroads Arts District in Kansas City, Mo. The exhibit features more than 440 of Gibson’s posters, which is only a fraction of the 32-year-old artist’s body of work. His creative output includes more than 2,000 original creations and 30,000 photographs. In addition to the posters, Gibson is also displaying hundreds of preliminary pieces that offer insight into the creative processes that led to finished posters in the gallery.

Gibson's art has been featured both nationally and internationally in exhibits hosted by galleries in cities such as Sacramento, Cali., Austin, Texas and Frankfurt, Germany. His creations have also appeared in 15 books including *Stoltz Design's 1,000 Music Graphics: A Compilation of Packaging, Posters, and Other Sound Solutions*, and German-based publisher Zeixs' *Sound and Design*. He has also received two awards from the prestigious New York City-based Type Director's Club. Reviews of his work have also appeared in *Step Inside Design* and *Print* magazines.

Regionally, he has been featured on Jabulani Lefall's show *Central Standard* on Kansas City's NPR affiliate, KCUR, written up in *The Pitch* on multiple occasions, and honored with awards from the Kansas City chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA). Last year, AIGA recognized Gibson with an award for his contribution to the animated video for David Seume's song "Will Ya Be My Friend."

In an article for *Review Art KC 365*, writer Steve Brisendine summarizes what makes Gibson's work so winsome: "Gibson, a sought-after designer specializing in band posters and music cover art, takes his fun seriously. He isn't just in touch with his inner child; the two of them must hang out on a regular basis, playing with scissors, magazines, and construction paper ... Some of his creations are meticulously assembled. Others look as though they were fueled by half a box of frosted cereal, washed down with a two-liter bottle of something sugary and caffeinated." He concludes that the art is the product of a "vigorous stirring in Gibson's mind to produce something entirely original."

For more information on the album, visit chadthomasjohnston.com. This site features a downloadable 11" x 14" poster, "DJG LP A-to-Z" (artist bios), and 3 more free songs as well. For more on Gibson's exhibit, contact the 1819 Central Event Space & Gallery at (816) 200-3417, or by email at contact@1819central.com. The gallery's website is <http://1819central.com>. Danny J. Gibson also maintains a comprehensive website featuring news, art, and merchandise at www.cargocollective.com/dannyjoegibson.

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Danny J. Gibson at KCUR's *Central Standard* Studio (8/31/11)