CITIES AND MEMORY

mapping the real and imagined sounds of the world

The sounds you can hear are an installation by **Cities and Memory**, a global sound art and field recording work by Oxford artist **Stuart Fowkes**.

Cities and Memory presents both the reality of a place and its imagined, alternative counterpart - remixing the world, one sound at at time.

Every faithful field recording you hear is directly followed by a reworking or an interpretation of that sound, reimagining that place and time as somewhere else, somewhere new.

Through the course of the installation, which loops every 3 ½ hours, we take you across the world from west to east, covering 21 countries with 42 pairs of sounds.

The list of locations to the right gives a brief description of each field recording, allowing you to orientate yourself in the 'real' sound world, before once again losing yourself in the reimagined sound world that follows.

About the recordings

Twenty-three of the field recordings were taken by Stuart Fowkes of Cities and Memory, and twenty-six of the reimagined sounds were created by him. As Cities and Memory is an open, collaborative and truly global project, the remaining sounds were contributed by field recordists and artists from around the world as below. Our thanks go to them for their contributions.

Featuring contributions by:

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00.00: San Francisco, USA: Ferry station departure board
02.10: San Francisco, USA: Drumm Street busker with hammered dulcimer
06.05: Chiliwack, Canada: The bells ringing at Five Corners
12.00: Montreal, Canada: Roadworks on the McGill University campus
18.34: Caldas da Rainha, Portugal: Autumn thunderstorm
24.05: St. Ives, England: Gulls on the harbour beach
28.13: Cardiff, Wales: World War II exhibition inside Cardiff Castle
35.30: Liverpool, England: Construction work in abandoned Stanley Dock building
41.10: Loch Ness, Scotland: Rain on the tent by Loch Ness
44.05: Snowshill, England: Bees at Cotswold lavender farm
48.43: Thruxton, England: UK touring cars world championship
51.05: Oxford, England: Basketball game at St. Giles fair
55.43: Waterperry, England: Birdsong at Waterperry Gardens
58.24: Hayling Island, England: Lifeboat station radio at RNLI Hayling Island
1.00.10: London, England: Street preacher on Electric Avenue, Brixton
1.02.37: London, England: Arsenal vs. Anderlecht, Emirates Stadium
1.08.20: London, England: Piano piece and cleaners hoovering, Barbican Centre
1.11.46: London, England: Clock room, British Museum at midday
1.18.52: Paris, France: Violinists in the courtyard at the Louvre
1.23.59: Brussels, Belgium: A normal day on Avenue LeGrand
1.28.53: Turin, Italy: New Year's Eve fireworks
1.36.08: Milan, Italy: Restoration work inside the Duomo
1.41.02: Hamburg, Germany: Waves and a ship greeting at the Willkomm Hoeft
1.51.06: Hamburg, Germany: Creaking platform at the Landungsbruecken
1.56.15: Hamburg, Germany: Priest reading and organ piece at St. Michaelis church
2.07.04: Hamburg, Germany: Boat tour through Speicherstadt
2.12.35: Oslo, Norway: A walk through Sofienbergparken in the snow
2.14.20: Trento, Italy: A siren rings out through the streets of the town
2.16.38: Florence, Italy: Climbing the steps of Giotto's Campanile
2.17.42: Bassano del Grappa, Italy: A sunny afternoon on the Ponte degli Alpini
2.24.26: Venice, Italy: A song performed aboard a boat at Venice's Arsenale
2.32.45: Palermo, Italy: A summer rainstorm in Sicily
2.39.10: Cape Town, South Africa: Birdsong on top of Table Mountain
2.45.41: Kilpisjärvi, Finland: Water and wind at Lake Kilpisjärvi
2.50.15: Zadar, Croatia: The sea organ at Zadar
2.53.38: Delos, Greece: Water inside a cave on the island of Delos
3.01.30: Tallinn, Estonia: A flight takes off from Tallinn airport
3.04.28: Lake Turkana, Kenya: Fishing women on the shores of Lake Turkana
3.11.09: Calcutta, India: Inside the Indian Museum
3.13.05: New Taipei City, Taiwan: Chanting in the Ci-Hui Temple, Banqaio
3.17.05: Incheon, South Korea: Traditional instrument played at Incheon Airport
3.18.12: Brisbane, Australia: Traffic crossing Victoria Bridge

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