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Follow your ears on a Soundwalk Fresh listening turns familiar places into an arena for music

Vancouver New Music presents two **free** Soundwalks.

These popular events are wonderful opportunities for participants to experience free, guided listening tours in Vancouver neighbourhoods.

28 September 2008 | 2pm

Rambling through Lynn Canyon - led by Janine Island

Meet at the Lynn Canyon Cafe, 3690 Park Road, North Vancouver

Transit users take the Seabus from Waterfront Skytrain Station to Lonsdale Quay then take the 229 Westlynn from Bay 3 to Peters Rd. at Duval Rd.; walk east along Peters Rd. to Park Rd., then turn left. The cafe is at the end of the road.

An exploration into the lush soundscape of Lynn Canyon injected with various ramblings-on of the late philosopher/poet Alan Watts. Involvement in the exploration of producing or filtering sounds will be encouraged throughout the walk. Participants may be encouraged to go barefoot when/if possible, but it is not mandatory.

"As poets value the sounds of words above their meanings, and images above arguments, I am trying to get thinking people to be aware of the actual vibrations of life as they would listen to music." - From In My Own Way by Alan Watts.

5 October 2008 | 2pm

The Line From Both Sides - led by Eric Powell

Meet at Pandora Park at the corner of Pandora and Templeton (one block west of Nanaimo and 2 blocks north of E Hastings).

Transit users take the 135 or the 10 and walk North one block or take the 7 along Nanaimo.

This soundwalk navigates the transitions between the industrial and living spaces around Wall street. Small pockets of homes sit overlooking ports, surrounded by railroads and high-traffic roadways. Where does the balance exist in these areas in-between, when industrial sound signals begin to mean home?

Ongoing: DIY Soundwalk designed by Stephanie Loveless and Brady Marks

Inciting independent sonic explorations, daily Do-It-Yourself indeterminate soundwalk instructions will be downloadable from the Vancouver New Music website www.newmusic.org.

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A soundwalk is a silent group walk led along a planned route to experience a location's ambiance and underlying rhythms. All too often the sounds of the environment pass by unnoticed because of our uncanny ability to shut them out. A soundwalk enables its participants to actively listen, opening ears and consciousness to the complex orchestration that the environment is composing at all times. It is a musical-sonic adventure that reveals the banal to be extraordinary!

Soundwalks have been offered as part of VNM's season since 2003 and have been well-attended from the start. After every soundwalk interested people have been invited to join in the planning and designing of future such walks. Now, four years later, a group has emerged that is working together in exploring ever new approaches to soundwalking, new routes and structures, walks with different themes or walks that may contain subtle performative aspects. Soundwalk participants can relax and enjoy these fascinating listening journeys under the safe and inspired guidance of members of this group.

Soundwalks are FREE and open to the public, but participants must call to reserve: 604.633.0861. Participants should be sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for any weather condition.

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