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

Vancouver New Music is pleased to present **two free Spring Soundwalks** – May 5 + 12, 2013! These popular events are wonderful opportunities for participants to experience free, guided listening tours in Vancouver neighbourhoods.

Listening to the Periphery at Kitsilano Point

Sunday, May 5, 2013 | 2:00–3:30PM

Led by Jessica Hallenbeck, Tyler Kinnear, and Sarah Ling

Meeting Location: Chestnut St at Whyte Ave

This walk will lead listeners around Kitsilano Point. Participants are invited to reflect on the act of listening on Coast Salish Territory. What sounds go unnoticed in our day-to-day routines? Is our listening encultured in any way? Letting our ears guide us, participants will explore some of the erasures, silences, resistances, and displacements of this cross-cultural urban space. The walk will take place rain or shine. Please dress accordingly.

World Sound Music and Noise

Sunday, May 12, 2013 | 2:00 - 3:30PM

Led by Elisa Ferrari, Landon Larose, and Hildegard Westerkamp

Meeting Location: The Waterfall Building, 1540 West 2nd Ave., near Granville Island.

Our moving ears will explore the waterfront near and on Granville Island, its nooks and crannies, open spaces and indoor places, encountering sounds, musics, languages and noises of the world around us and from far away. Let your ears be surprised by the unusual, the familiar, and the extraordinary in the soundscape.

Soundwalks are FREE and open to the public. Soundwalks happen rain or shine, so participants should be sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for any weather condition.

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!

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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.

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