

These works were all composed between 2009 and 2013. Most are part of my ongoing project *Shadow-walks* in which I request to be taken on a special walk with an individual, a walk that has been repeated many times and has meaning for the person. We walk together and I record the conversations and environmental sounds. I then repeat the walk alone, attempting to sense my previous companion's traces on the now solitary walk and to make the memory of shared time and experience audible through singing. These compositions integrate singing, narration and the sounds of the place.

1. *Maresia* and 6. *Town with Sea* are both set in Porto, Portugal and were made possible by Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art. Six people look me on their special walks: by the port, through a park, up to a panoramic bar, along a promenade, to the shops and beside the sea.

2. *Skywalks* is based on my fascination with the skyway system of Minneapolis: eight miles of climate-controlled passages and bridges which have brought the city indoors, transporting pedestrians above street level to market street where she grew up, another to a peaceful spot by the harbour and the third on a regular walk to the library.

3. *Island Lines* is set in Hong Kong and was made possible by the organization Soundpocket. In the vibrant, multi-layered sonic environment of Hong Kong three people volunteered to take me on walks: one to the market street where she grew up, another to a peaceful spot by the harbour and the third on a regular walk to former hometown. Two artists took me on walks near their homes, one in Little Venice and the other in East London beside the River Thames.

4. *Disegno* and 5. *Slack Tide* are both from London, my Gowanus Canal, on a walk in the company of a Dutch poet. Proteus Gowanus gallery presented the work.

Viv Corringham is a British vocalist, sound artist and composer, currently based in New York, who has worked internationally since the early 1980s. She was a McKnight Composer fellow in 2006 and 2012 through the American Composers Forum. She has an MA Some Art from Middlesex University, London, UK and a certificate in Deep Listening from composer Pauline Oliveros.

She is interested in exploring people's special relationship with familiar places and how that links to personal history, memory and association. These concerns are at the heart of her ongoing project *Shadow-walks*, which has so far occurred in 18 places in the USA, Canada, Asia and Europe. The experiences and materials gathered on these walks find their way into sound installations, recordings and concert pieces.

She leads listening walks and has created a free iPhone app that uses the device's GPS to activate different soundworks on a walk. Called *Arrivals*, it was launched in 2012 at Deep Listening Institute, Kingston NY.

Her work has been presented recently at Institute of Contemporary Arts London; Around Sound Art Festival Hong Kong; Abrons Arts Center New York City; Tempo Reale Festival Florence; Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art Porto; C33 Gallery Chicago and Tate Modern London.

Articles about her work have appeared in many publications, including *In the Field* (UK), *Anthology of Essays on Deep Listening* (USA), *Organised Sound* (UK), *Muscoworks* (Canada), *Playing With Words* (UK) and *For Those Who Have Ears* (Ireland).

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1. *Maresia* 08:57
 2. *Skywalks* 07:34
 3. *Island Lines* 09:44
 4. *Disegno* 03:38
 5. *Slack Tide* 05:32
 6. *Town with Sea* 09:35
 7. *Broken Land* 04:46
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Vocals by Viv Corringham

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