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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 this fall.

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

### **20 September 2009 | 2pm**

#### **Led by Chris O'Connor**

**Meeting location: Strathcona at Hawks and Georgia (corner of MacLean Park)**

This soundwalk will utilize both drawing (on paper) and movement (in space) while exploring the curiosities of this historic neighbourhood.

### **27 September 2009 | 2 pm**

#### **False Creek Soundwalk, led by Kristen Roos**

**Meeting location: the courtyard of the Plaza of Nations at the stage in front of the Edgewater Casino (750 Pacific Blvd.)**

This soundwalk listens to the aural environment that currently exists around False Creek. Tourism, consumerism and global economic forces predominantly define the spaces explored during the walk.

*Soundwalks are free and open to the public; however participants must call to reserve a place as space is limited.*

#### **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](http://www.newmusic.org).

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-

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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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