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ELECTRICAL WALK #44

ELECTRICAL WALKS ATHEN

Christina Kubisch's Electrical Walks enable a new experience of the city of Athens. It uncovers the hidden electromagnetic fields that normally you cannot hear. Visitors, armed with a special magnetic headphone that amplifies the electromagnetic fields of the city, and a map, marked with special acoustic landmarks, are offered an auditory adventure that changes the perception of everyday reality. The route indicated on the map is a suggestion only. Feel free to explore the city as you choose. Some of the sounds indicated on the map may not be present all the time. Walk slowly and sometimes just stop and turn your head around. Electromagnetic fields can vary within very short distances.

Use of headphones is not harmful, but please be cautious as certain sound sources, particularly antennas or security gates or can be extremely loud. Never pass a security gate with the headphone in function; it will harm your ears and the headphone!

Take your time to listen. The more you rush, the less you hear.

Please treat the headphones with care, they are custom made. Turn your headphones off while you have a rest during the walk and after the walk to save battery power. Please return them by the agreed time.

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1. Goethe-Institut Athen

At the reception you will get your electromagnetic headphone and a map with instructions. The walk is free, but you will be asked to leave your identity card. Leave the building towards the Syntagma metro station, switch the headphone on position 3 (red light appears).

2. Metro station Syntagma

Enter the metro station and listen to the ticket machines, bankomats and the light screens of the advertisement billboards. Go as close as possible, move your head. Leave the metro station through the main exit.

3. Syntagma place

Outside of the exit you will hear a "Hiss". Slowly go up the staircase next to the station until towards the street, then go to your right until you reach the huge antenna. Attention: can be very loud. The magnetic fields can be heard in various locations. Cross Syntagma place.

4. Bus stop

Listen to the trolley lines and the busses.

5. Public

Enter the shop, take the staircase to your left and go to the first floor, where will find the department of television displays. Approach the different TV screens and listen to them as closely as possible. Compare

the difference between Plasma, and LCD screens.

6. National Bank.

Go close to the ATM machines and put your head in it.

7. Security gates Ermiou Street

Listen to the many surveillance systems at the entrance of shops such as Grand Optical, Promod, Zara, Mango, Sephora, Pull & Bear, Accessories, Mothercare, Adidas, GAP etc. Attention: these rhythmic sounds can be very loud. Do not go too close.

8. Kapnikarea Church

Get a rest for your ears, take off the headphone, switch it off and listen to the acoustic environment. Continue on Kalamiotou Street with your headphone switched on again.

9. EURO Bank

Nice sounding ATM machine. Continue until you reach the cross section of Kalamiotou and Evangelistras Street.

10. Street Drone

Stop at the section and listen to the deep magnetic Drone.

11. Bycicle shop

Stop in front of the bright green illuminated board of the bicycle store (Kolokotroni Nr. 30) and move your head close to the

screen. Enjoy the "singing voices".

If you are in a hurry or very tired you can go back from here to Syntagma place and bring your headphone back to Goethe-Institut. Please switch off when not used.

12. Pireaus Bank

Compare to Euro Bank. Go on and enter the passage at Aristidou Street Nr.9

13. Copy Shop Underground

Look for an open door to your right with the indication "Ε. ΣΤΡΑΜΙΚΑΣ". Go down and approach the thick bundles of cables. Leave the passage.

14. Market Hall

Enter the meat market and listen to the neon light and the dead animals. Walk down Athinas Street - switch off the headphone if you need a rest for your ears.

15. Monastiraki Place

Explore the various magnetic fields of the place such as shops, banks, cables, fridges, internet signals etc. Have a look at the ancient ruins.

Please bring back your headphone immediately after having finished your walk. Thank you.

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