



## NAISA Sound Channel

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Feel free to forward this newsletter to your friends and associates who are looking for new arts events.

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### 1) **NAISA February/March WORKSHOPS**

All workshops @ the NAISA space, 103 Beaconsfield Ave., main floor, Toronto  
pre-registration and advance payment required (space limited)

Call 416-516-7413 or email [naisa@naisa.ca](mailto:naisa@naisa.ca)

<<http://www.naisa.ca/workshops.html>> for full descriptions

### **INSIDE VOICES songs without words**

*LISTENING & VOCAL WORKSHOP with Anne Bourne*

Feb 10th 1-4pm, \$50

Improvise songs without words with sound anatomy resonance and harmonic overtones. Create and compose together. Connect through listening to imaginary landscapes grounded in nature, and your sense of place. I will reference Oliveros' Deep Listening pieces and Sonic Meditations, offering an experience of subtle listening strategies that are simple, and encourage a range of beautiful

and powerful music, and humour, that is inclusive of all walks of life. Please bring a yoga mat or meditation cushion and a journal.

### **SOUND AS ART 1**

*with Darren Copeland*

Feb 17th, 10am-5pm, \$100

This workshop is geared towards the budding sound artist, the visual artist exploring sound, the community radio programmer wanting to expand their possibilities, and those with a general interest in sound. It will teach basic recording, editing, processing and mixing practices within the context of the history and aesthetic discourse of experimental audio art practice over the past 50 years.

For their subjects, participants will be asked to explore the sounds of places/things in the immediate area that are distinct and representative. This process will invite a dialogue between the art of representation and abstraction, which can be explored to great advantage in the audio art medium. Through the introduction of digital processing techniques and composition strategies, participants will get a taste of areas they can later explore intuitively and on their own after the workshop. No experience is necessary. Equipment is supplied, however if you wish to bring your own laptop you may do so.

### **SOLDER PARTY**

*with Rob Cruickshank*

Feb 18th, 6-8pm, \$25

You want to build electronic stuff, like the soon-to-be launched NAISAtron, but you're scared of the soldering? Rob Cruickshank will take you through the basics of soldering including: How to solder printed circuit boards; How to fix your mistakes; How to strip wires, and solder them; How to select and care for tools; Soldering safety. Participants will build a small circuit to take home with them. This workshop is for everyone, no prior experience is required. Lead-free solder will be available.

### **SOUND AS ART 2**

*with Darren Copeland*

Feb 24th, 10am-5pm, \$100

This workshop is geared towards the budding sound artist, the media artist dabbling in sound, the community radio programmer wanting to expand the possibilities, and those with a general interest in sound. The workshop will further explore the sound materials developed in Sound As Art 1 in order to uncover in more detail their inherent sound generation and compositional possibilities. Key focal points for the workshop include composition strategies, non-linear sound processing techniques and the associative qualities of sounds.

## **PURE DATA WORKSHOP**

*with David McCallum and Dafydd Hughes*

Mar 1st, 10-5pm, \$100

Want to create live or interactive audio art? Are you frustrated by the limitations of existing software and keen to create tools to suit your own artistic purposes? Pure Data is a powerful tool for creating music and audio art, video, and physical computing (it's also the free, open source cousin of Max/MSP).

## **INVENTIVE REALITY**

*podcast & radio workshop with Victoria Fenner*

Mar 15, 10am-5pm, \$100

103 Beaconsfield Ave, main floor, Toronto

Note: pre-registration and advance payment required (space limited)

Call 416-910-7231 or email [naisa@naisa.ca](mailto:naisa@naisa.ca)

“Inventive Reality” – Blending Art and Journalism in Podcasts and Radio Shows

The fine line between journalism and art is a place with many possibilities. An ordinary event can be the inspiration for sound pieces that blend both fact and perception. “Inventive Reality” is a one day workshop by Victoria Fenner of Magnetic Spirits Productions to explore this transitional zone. It is a hands-on field recording and storymaking workshop to stir imaginations and get participants thinking and producing journalism in new ways .... for both radio and internet audio (podcasts). Previous experience in audio recording and digital editing is helpful, but beginners are welcome too.

Coming soon: NAISAtron workshops!!

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## **2) NAISA youth initiative**

The NAISA youth education initiative will include the creation of new sound art works by youth through collaboration as an outcome to a series of workshops that teach an understanding of basic sound art, electronics, improvisation and composition. Hands-on workshops will include assembling an electroacoustic instrument (the NAISAtron created by Rob Cruickshank), creating sound art and finally the exploration of sound in space. This initiative is targeted toward youth at high schools, arts centers and community centers. If you are between the ages of 20 and 25 and are interested in working with youth OR If you are a teacher or run a community centre and are interested in being a part of this youth initiative, please contact Nadene at [naisa@naisa.ca](mailto:naisa@naisa.ca).

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## **2) CALL for Submissions/Participation the SOUNDS of MISSISSAUGA**

Click here for full details and submission forms

<http://www.naisa.ca/opportunities.html>

SEND US YOUR FAVOURITE MISSISSAUGA SOUNDS And we'll include them on a sound map of Mississauga

Simply record an environment in Mississauga using any audio recording device (even your cellphone) and send it to us. Recordings should be under two minutes in length. We will upload your recording onto a sound map of Mississauga to be presented at the Mississauga Civic Centre and on the City of Mississauga website in 2008. Check out how it looks so far!!

<http://www.yorku.ca/caseaces/soundmap/>

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## **3) Deep Wireless 2008**

May 1-June 1, 2008

As part of a month-long celebration of radio and transmission art, radio artists, sound artists and enthusiasts can experience performances, sound installations, new commissions, special radio broadcasts, a CD launch and conference.

Confirmed artists include Chantal Dumas, Andreas Kahre, Parmela Attariwala, Debashis Sinha, John Wynne

### **Deep Wireless/CBC Outfront commissioning/residency**

New Adventures in Sound Art (NAISA) and CBC Radio's Outfront, for the sixth year in a row, is presenting the Deep Wireless commissioning and residency program. This residency program allows both experimental sound artists and radio producers outside of the experimental realm to approach the form of personal narrative from a perspective that combines words and sounds in a fresh and innovative fashion. Four Canadian artists - Tristan Whiston, Friendly Rich Marsella, Marjorie Chan and Eldad Tsabary - were selected from a Canada-wide call for submissions to produce a work for both CBC's Outfront radio broadcast and for presentation during Deep Wireless 2008 festival of radio and transmission art.

Deep Wireless 2008 dates to put on your calendars (Note new dates for the conference):

Deep Wireless festival: May 1 - June 1, 2008  
Radio Without Boundaries Conference and Performance Weekend - May 30, 31  
& June 1.

Stay tuned for more info in an upcoming NAISA Sound Channel.

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#### **4) Sound Travels Festival of Sound Art 2008**

June 1- October 1, 2008

It's our 10th anniversary!! Sound Travels brings sound art to the outdoors on Toronto Island in a way that entices the curious and provides a unique experience each and every year. Installations will be open throughout the summer and performances are scheduled for July 20th, August 8th, 9th and 10th.

Stay tuned for more info in an upcoming NAISA Sound Channel for special events related to our 10th anniversary of this Sound Travels festival.

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#### **5) 7th annual SOUNDplay FESTIVAL 2008**

September 25 - October 26, 2008

[www.soundplay.ca](http://www.soundplay.ca)

Performance weekend October 24, 25 & 26 @ Theatre Centre

SOUNDplay is a meeting point for experimentation in new media and sound art pushing the boundaries and encouraging new fusions of image, sound and text. SOUNDplay 2008 includes multi-media performances, installations, workshops and videomusic screenings.

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#### **6) RELATED NEWS / LINKS**

##### **BREATH CONTROL**

*by Darren Copeland,*  
an audio-video installation

Dates: March 5-16, 2008 (Wed-Sun, 1-6 pm)

Location: Gallery 1313, 1313 Queen Street West, Toronto.

Opening reception with the artist in attendance: March 6, 2008 (7 pm)

Breath Control is an interactive audio-visual installation by NAISA Artistic Director Darren Copeland that relates the visceral experience of one's last breath to the

perception of time and space in indoor and outdoor soundscapes. Breath Control also confronts the conventions of the gallery experience by altering the gallery's interior design in order to re-structure the sensory hierarchy.

## LINKS

For information about the upcoming Third Coast International Audio Festival <<http://www.thirdcoastfestival.org>>

For a chance to listen and download radio pieces check out the public radio exchange <[www.prx.org](http://www.prx.org)>

To listen to sound works of all stripes go to <[www.sonus.ca](http://www.sonus.ca)>

For listings of most Toronto and area events <<http://www.upcoming.org>>; <<http://www.livewithculture.ca>>; <<http://www.torontoartsonline.org>>

For listings of Montréal events (<http://www.laliste.qc.ca>)

For listings of Vancouver events <<http://www.oscillations.ca>>

For info on the speakers used by New Adventures in Sound Art visit Tannoy's web site <<http://www.tannoy.com/Ellipse8>>

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