SETTING UP A SOUND CAMP

5 - 6 MAY 2018
A temporary encampment, usually outdoors, to explore a place by being (out) in it. A soundcamp could involve from 1 to 100 people. There is a transmission point and a listening point.

The dawn chorus loops the earth every 24 hours along the moving line between night and day. Birds and other organisms singing together create a wave of sound at a time when humans are relatively quiet. They are accompanied by weather and machines. The idea is to be out among these sounds, and share them.

Over the weekend of International Dawn Chorus Day, each soundcamp sets up an open microphone, and sends sounds of their location to the internet.

Soundcamps are linked by Reveil: a 24 hour radio broadcast that picks up live streams from the soundcamps and a network of other streamers around the world, transmitted on laptops, phones and Raspberry Pi’s, as the sun reaches each location.

Each soundcamp also has a listening point tuned to the Reveil broadcast, which follows the progress of daybreak around the globe.

In 2014 there was one soundcamp. Last year there were 16. Each soundcamp adds to the detail and diversity of the mix.
Where

Each soundcamp is different. IDCD is about points of contact between human and non human communities, whether in an urban centre or a remote rural area. Daybreak can reveal the diversity of a soundscape, which is hard to appreciate at other times. You may want to factor this into your choice of site.

Choose a place with:

good ground for sleeping on
maybe away from busy roads - check maps
with a water supply; or plan to take water with you
mains power; or take batteries
an internet connection (check ethernet, wifi or mobile coverage)

You could camp in your back yard or on the roof (maybe)
To stream live sounds you can use

- a Raspberry Pi streambox
- a laptop with Nicecast or BUTT (free)
- an iOS phone with Locuscast
- an Android phone with Mixlr

Time

The Reveil broadcast will run from 5AM London time (UTC+1) on Saturday 5 May until 6AM (UTC+1) on Sunday 6 May. It travels West just before the sunrise, relaying streams at civil twilight local time. We will pick up streams in the Western hemisphere on Saturday 5th, and streams in the Eastern hemisphere on Sunday 6th.

Set up a listening point to follow the broadcast

It could be as simple as a phone with a portable speaker
A tent provides a useful sonically porous listening space
Keep amplification low near the streaming microphone
Tune in over FM, WiFi or 3 or 4G (via a router or phone)
You can listen at Wave Farm or a local station
Check the Listening page for details > soundtent.org
Link with other soundcamps

Share sounds over Liveshout
Contribute on Etherpad to a diary of listening over one earth day

Pass the time

Cooking, eating, drinking
Exploring the site
Listening
With workshops, performances, talks, walks, conversations

Next

Let us know any questions
Set up a webpage for your soundcamp  > soundtent.org

Contacts

soundtent.org  contact@soundtent.org
@soundtent  #Reveil2018  #Soundcamp2018
Soundcamp - catalogue

2014
Stave Hill Ecological Park, Rotherhithe, London, UK (soundCamp)

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Stave Hill Ecological Park, Rotherhithe, London, UK (soundCamp)
Acra, Upper Hudson, New York, USA (Wave Farm)
Warbler’s Roost, South River, Canada (NAISA, Darren Copeland)
Chigaco, Illinois, USA (Radius, Eric Leonardson)
Jeju Island, South Korea (Jiyeon Kim and Gangil Yi)
Palupõhja looduskool (Northern School of Nature), Tartu County, Estonia
(MOKS, John Grzinich, Veljo Runnel)
Vothonas, Island of Santorini, Greece (Mazi, Alyssa Moxley, Ramona Stout)
KSEVT Cultural Centre of European Space Technologies, Vitanje, Slovenija
(CONA)
San Giovanni a Mazzocca, Fortore rural region, South Italy (Liminaria,
Interferenze, Leandro Pisano, Raffaele Maricone)
Furness Peninsula, Cumbria, UK (Octopus Collective)
Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK (Rui Chaves, Ulster Museum, SARC)
Dartington, Totnes, Devon, UK (Soundart Radio)

2016
Stave Hill Ecological Park, Rotherhithe, London, UK (soundCamp)
Acra, Upper Hudson, New York, USA (Wave Farm)
Chigaco, Illinois, USA (Radius, Lindsey French)
Sandfly, Tasmania (Julia Drouhin)
Kolkata, India (Sukanta Majumdar, The Travelling Archive)
Palupõhja looduskool (Northern School of Nature), Tartu County, Estonia
(MOKS, John Grzinich, Veljo Runnel)
Ljubljana, Slovenia, Botanic Gardens (CONA)
Jeju Island, South Korea (Jiyeon Kim and Gangil Yi)
Montefalcone, Fortore rural region, Italy (Liminaria, Interferenze, Leandro
Pisano, Raffaele Maricone)
Niolon, France (Locus Sonus, Peter Sinclair)
Camber Sands (Radio Arts, Magz Hall)
Ulverston, Cumbria (Octopus Collective, Josephine Dickinson, Helen Frosi)
Devon (2.TimesDo)
Dorset (diva contemporary, David Rogers)
Cornwall (End of the World Garden, Bram Thomas Arnold)
Dartingon (Soundart Radio, Tony Whitehead)

2017
Stave Hill Ecological Park, Rotherhithe, London, UK (soundCamp)
Acra, Upper Hudson Valley, New York, USA (Wave Farm | Tom Roe)
Indian Boundary Park Lagoon, Chicago, III. USA (Radius | Peter Speer)
Gyorae Forest Park, Jeju Island, S Korea (Weather Report | Dawn Scarfe)
Hobart, Tasmania (Julia Drouhin)
Ravenglass, Cumbria, UK (Tariq Emam, RL Wilson)
Dartington, Devon, UK (Soundart Radio | Sarah Gray | Tony Whitehead | Chris Booth)
Raspberry Jam, Exeter, UK (Simon Belshaw | 2.times Do)
Bridport, Dorset, UK (DIVA contemporary | David Rogers) - Flyer
End of The World Garden, Cornwall, UK (Bram Thomas Arnold | Paul Chaney | Trail Mix)
A dash, Piraeus, Greece (Alyssa Moxley | Christos Bourantas | Anna Papoutsi | Nikki Seth Smith | Andrew Spyrou)
South River, Ontario (NAISA | Warbler’s Roost | Darren Copeland)
Whitehorse, Yukon (Chelsea J)
Piirimäe, Mooste, Estonia (John Grzinich | Taavi Suisalu)
Ljubljana, Slovenija (CONA | Brane Zorman | Marko Batista | Irena Pivka)
South Walney Island, Cumbria, UK (Octopus Collective | Cumbria Wildlife Trust | Linda O’Keeffe | Tony Doyle)
About

SoundCamp are an artists collective based in London. We are best known for work on sound and place, especially using live sound links to connect remote acoustic and ecological projects in real time.

Work on Reveil / soundcamp has evolved in close association with partner organisations, especially Locus Sonus and the live open microphone network they pioneered at the Hautes Écoles d’Art at Aix and Bourges. The Reveil stream is hosted by Wave Farm in Acra, NY and broadcast locally by WGXC FM. The broadcast is picked up by Resonance FM / Extra, our UK broadcast partner and sponsor, and a growing number of other FM and netradio stations around the world.

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Images

Soundcamp Stave Hill Ecological Park May 2015 Pinhole by Ky Lewis - kylewis.co.uk

Radius soundcamp with Eric Leonardson, Chicago 2-5-15 Pinhole by Ky Lewis with the soundcamp

Schematic drawing of a soundcamp: a transmission point sends sounds to the internet; a listening point forms a live loop. Image by Sam Baraitser Smith

Earth’s rotation creates night and day. Courtesy of the astrophysics department at Penn State University http://www2.astro.psu.edu/~mce/A001/lect03.html

Jeju Island soundcamp with Jiyeon Kim and Gangil Yi 3-5-15 Pinhole by Ky Lewis with the soundcamp