

MAPPING THE SOUNDSCAPE — SOUNDS OF THE CITY

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1.	WEATHER	wind . rain . snow
2.	TRAFFIC	honking . waiting cars . traffic lights
3.	PEOPLE	talk . laugh . scream . panting . gathering . circulation
4.	BIRDS	chirping . gathering
5.	TREES	swaying . rustling
6.	DOORS	open . close . sliding
7.	CONSTRUCTION	equipment . people . vehicles
8.	DOG	barking
9.	BAGS	rustling . rolling
10.	CAR	doors . moving . stopping . honking . circulation . music
11.	BUS	doors . moving . stopping . honking . circulation . stops
12.	TRAM	doors . moving . stopping . honking . circulation . stops
13.	TRAIN	doors . moving . stopping . honking . circulation . station
14.	ROADWORKS	cars . honking . equipment . people . vehicles
15.	WINDOW	open . close . sliding
16.	BICYCLE	moving . stopping . bell . circulation
17.	MOTORBIKE	moving . stopping . honking . circulation
18.	BAGPIPE	music
19.	SIREN	police . ambulance
20.	COBBLED STONE	vehicles . bike

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earlier work. Here, inspired by my video, *Sounds of The Meadows*, which focused on the sounds themselves, I too have done that. This time though, it's in the form of a list. And, with respect to my earlier work on mapping the sounds of *My Flat*, I've again created illustrations based on my interpretation of the volume of those sounds. In this piece, *Sounds of the City*, I, like in *Sounds of The Meadows*, went out into Edinburgh for a walk. Instead of recording the sounds themselves, I noted down the sounds I could hear, as well as where those sounds were coming from. From that list I created circles, with each representing something different, making the noise. The size, colouring and detailing of each circle were all variables that altered according to what I heard. Darker circles represent sharper noises. Wider bands represent sounds that are more present. Dotted and striped bands are there attempting to highlight the nature of the sounds themselves.

In terms of presentation, I've included a list of all the sounds, numbered. Then there's a key page where one can see which circles represent which sounds. And finally, I've layered the shapes together, presenting my interpretation for what are, the sounds of the city.