

## Symposium Announcement

# Deep Listening: Creativity, Accessibility, and Well-being

**Dates:** Thursday, September 28, Friday, September 29, Saturday, September 30, 2023

**Venue:** Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), Theater

**Organizing Committee:** Jonas Braasch, Sam Chabot, Stephanie Loveless, Branda Miller, David Whalen, Robert Whalen

**Deep Listening: Creativity, Accessibility, and Well-being** is a three-day symposium of workshops, performances, and talks that explore listening, participation, and accessibility – through both technological innovation and creative practice.

The symposium is a collaboration between The International Symposium on Assistive Technology for Music and Art (ISATMA) and the Center for Deep Listening at Rensselaer, highlighting innovation from the technological to the embodied: ISATMA catalyzes opportunities for artists across abilities to access new technologies for developing multimedia works; Deep Listening is a philosophy and practice of sonic awareness developed by visionary composer Pauline Oliveros. Deep Listening is, in Oliveros' words, "a way of listening in every possible way to everything possible, to hear no matter what you are doing." From participatory scores that are accessible to musicians and non-musicians alike to performance software for performers with limited mobility, Oliveros's contributions continue to connect people to musical experiences across abilities.

Hosted by EMPAC Research and the Center for Deep Listening, co-sponsored by the Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, and supported by The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation, iEAR Presents (Arts Department, Humanities Arts, and Social Sciences), and New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

## Program

### Thursday, September 28 (Day 1)

4-6pm **Participatory Voice Wave Field Installation** with Rupal Patel

**Location:** EMPAC Theater Stage

4:30-6pm **Meet and greet welcome dinner and Introductions**

**Location:** Evelyn's Cafe

6-7pm **Synthetic Voice Talk** with Rupal Patel

**Location:** EMPAC Theater

7-7:45pm **Adaptation to Nature** with Jonas Braasch, Curt Morgan, & David Whalen

**Location:** EMPAC Theater

## Friday, September 29 (Day 2)

9:30-10:30am Coffee & snacks

Location: Evelyn's Cafe

10:30-11:30am **Light and Cistern Installation** with Yael Erel

Location: EMPAC Theater Stage

11:30-12:30pm **AUMI morning session** with Henry Lowengard & Leaf Miller

Location: EMPAC Theater & Virtual

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

Location: Evelyn's Cafe

1:30-3pm **Panel Discussion: Radical Accessibility** with Lisa Sonneborn, Raquel Velho & Robert Whalen

Location: EMPAC Theater

3-4:30pm **Embodied Listening and Sounding in Attunement Workshop** with Anne Bourne

Location: EMPAC Theater Stage

4:30-5pm Break with refreshments

5-6pm **Embodied Listening Concert** with Anne Bourne, Heloise Gold, Robert Whalen + Rensselaer Orchestra and Concert Choir

Location: EMPAC Theater Stage

## Saturday, September 30 (Day 3)

9:30-10am Coffee and snacks

Location: Evelyn's Cafe

10am-Noon **ISATMA concert presentation** with Thomas Borghus, Alper Kaya, Tobias Koslowski, David Whalen, & Ruud van der Wel

Location: EMPAC Theater Stage & Virtual

Noon-1pm **Deeply Listening Body Workshop** with Heloise Gold

Location: EMPAC Theater Stage

1-2pm Lunch

Location: Evelyn's Cafe

2-3:30pm     **Deep Listening Futures: Beyond Colonial Mind**, Ione & Claire Chase  
Location:     EMPAC Theater & Virtual

3:30-4pm     Break with refreshments

4-6pm         **Assistive and Expanded Technologies Concert** with Lucas Garrett & Band  
Location:     EMPAC Theater

For the most updated schedule please check the conference website.

## **Upcoming Deep Listening + ISATMA events**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6-7pm         **The Crip/Mad Archive Dances** with Petra Kupperts

Thursday, October 12, 2023 (at The Sanctuary for Independent Media)

5-6pm         **Wheelchair Procession along Sanctuary Eco-Art Trail** with Petra Kupperts &  
Diverse Disability Networks  
Location: 6th Ave from Glen to 101st St, North Central Troy

7-9pm         **Dream Performance/Workshop** with Petra Kupperts  
Location: The Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave, Troy, NY