

CASHMERE RADIO

Open Call: Art's Birthday 2026 – Networked Radio Performance

January 2026

The Ministry of Sounding Walks

We are celebrating Art's Birthday on January 17th, 2026, with a live, networked radio broadcast presented in collaboration with Deutschlandfunk Kultur, SWR and Cashmere Radio.

Proposed by the French Fluxus artist Robert Filliou in 1963, Art's Birthday is an annual event celebrating the birth of art 1,000,000 years ago.

For Art's Birthday 2026, The Ministry of Sounding Walks invites participants worldwide to contribute to a performative, networked radio composition by Jasmine Guffond and Lukas Grundmann. Participants are invited to record the sound of their own footsteps as they move through their local environment—capturing traces of daily movement, routine rhythms, local textures, and favourite sounds.

These recordings will form a distributed sonic geography, broadcast live on January 17th, 2026.

Participation is possible from anywhere with a computer, dice, and internet access, or in person at our Berlin studio at Cashmere Radio. Full guidelines are provided below in the form of an instructional score.

Please contact us at soundingwalks@proton.me if you'd like to participate.

By participating, contributors agree to have their recordings broadcast and streamed within the European Broadcasting Union network. All member broadcasters may distribute the signal without further charge, and all participating artists will be credited.

Instructions

1) Recording:

Make a 10 minute recording of your footsteps walking towards your favourite sound in your neighbourhood. This could be a church bell, the sound of a traffic light, a coffee machine at your favourite cafe, a train departing, a train arriving, playing trumpet under a bridge, a stream, a chewing gum vending machine, your neighbour's dog greeting you in the morning, lapping water - any sound that is YOUR favourite.

10 minutes is ideal but +/- 2 minutes is fine. Position the microphone close to the sound of your feet.

2) Rehearsal:

Join us on the **14th of January at 18:00 CET** for a rehearsal (90 minutes).

We will be using <https://august.black/mezcal/> to connect and transmit.

You will need your recording, a dice, a computer to playback your recording and connect with us.

Berlin based participants are welcome to join us at Cashmere radio. Bring headphones.

You will receive a playback instructional score before the rehearsal date.

3) Performing:

Perform your recording live and online with us on the **17th of January from 21:20 – 21:40 CET**.

Soundcheck at 20:30.

You will need a dice, a computer for playback and to connect with us. Berlin based participants are welcome to join us at Cashmere radio. Bring headphones! We look forward to hearing your recordings—rhythms, trajectories, and sonic pulses—and to a collective encounter of sounding and listening as it unfolds through chance composition.