

Workshop and Performance
Voice and Space
Directed by Janneke van der Putten/Rotterdam

Friday, 22nd September 2017

Workshop: 2–9 pm
Performance: 8 pm
(Janneke van der Putten and workshop participants)
in the framework of the Finissage
„Janneke van der Putten – Directed to the Sun“
(August 25 – September 22 2017) at Q18

Quartier am Hafen, Poller Kirchweg 78, 51105 Cologne

Janneke van der Putten / photo: Gabriëlle Barros Martins



For more than ten years Janneke van der Putten's own voice has been an essential medium for her interactions with landscape, space and contexts, in connection with e.g. natural phenomena, mythologies, cycles and time. In addition to her studies of textile design and Artistic Research Janneke van der Putten learned the North Indian singing "Dhrupad" with Amelia Cuni and Marianne Svašek in Berlin and Rotterdam. The learned technique has been essential for her understanding of the voice as a physical experience and less as a medium for speech or even singing. – "How can I travel with my voice, my jaw, tongue, spittle, and breath?"

This workshop explores the voice in relation to a spatial experience. Through a Deep Listening session and blind-folded sound walk we will explore our senses and become more aware of our own body, movements and sounds. We will continue with a simple body warm up followed up by a basic vocal exercise. The workshop will consist of group interventions and performances, exploring the acoustics and characteristics of the space, using amongst other our own voices. We will reflect in drawing and conversation and end the workshop with a public presentation at Q18.

No prior singing experience is needed, but the participants should participate in a public final performance with audience after the workshop, the workshop and the presentation will be photographed and filmed. The participation of selected applicants in the workshop is free. Water, tea and coffee will be provided. However, a contribution for a vegetarian buffet for a joint meal after the workshop and before the performance is desirable. Please bring comfortable clothes, gymnastic mats or blankets. Gathering at 13.45 in Room 19 (ground floor).

Language: English or German, number of **participants** max. 15, from 18 years
Written application, please with a short statement on motivation and interest in the workshop by **September 13th**, to Jari.Ortwig@gmx.net The participants will be announced by 15th September.

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