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Resounding Rivers
6 May - 5 June
Belfast’s forgotten rivers, waterways and associated industries have been given a renewed presence within the city. Six sound installations have been assembled at six different sites across the city. Each installation can be heard out in the street, presented as an enhancement of the everyday sound space. Each site has been selected because it is situated upon, or by, the previous route of one of Belfast’s three central rivers. Two of these rivers, the Farset and Blackstaff, no longer flow over ground – they are constricted to large pipes running beneath the city. The third river, the Lagan, is still a prominent feature in Belfast but was once much wider. By deepening the Lagan’s channel, a great deal of land has been reclaimed and built upon.

The sound that is presented by each installation is a re-imagining of what the city’s buried and constricted rivers and waterways might once have sounded like. Each of the six sites would have had a different relationship with its respective water source, and this is reflected in the delivered sound. In order to achieve the reimagining, locations in Northern Ireland with similar water features to those previously found in Belfast have been visited and recorded.

Listen 9.30am - 5.30pm every day. Thursdays until 9pm.

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1. PLACE, 40 Fountain Street
2. Kelly’s Cellars, 30-32 Bank Street
3. Bittles Bar, 103 Victoria Street
4. Cloth Ear, 35 Waring Street
5. Waterfront Hall, 2 Lanyon Place
6. BBC Broadcasting House, 25 Ormeau Avenue