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CITY SONIC VILNIUS

Festival

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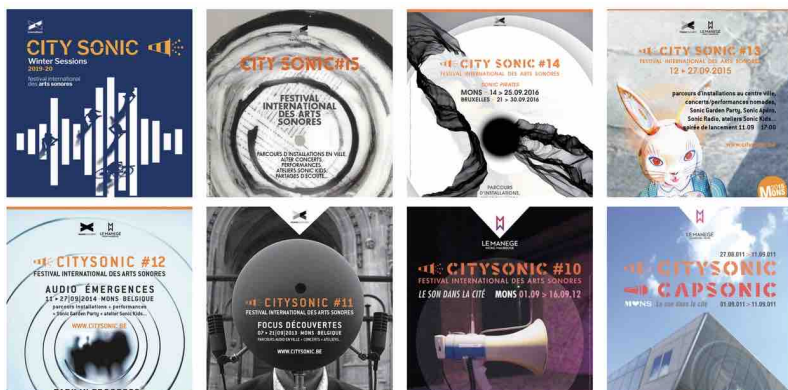
VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Origins and Future



City Sonic Vilnius is a sound art network bringing together artists from different countries. The City Sonic Vilnius event series was launched in 2022 in collaboration with 'City Sonic', an international sound art festival initiated by Philippe Franck, director, curator, artist and producer at Transcultures, a centre for digital and sound culture in Belgium, and Pépinières européennes de Création, an international network supporting the mobility of contemporary and interdisciplinary artists, founded in Paris.

In 2023, successful sound art workshops took place in Vilnius, bringing together artists and educators from Lithuania, Belgium and France. Their individual and collaborative works were subsequently presented to local audiences through a series of performances.



For many years, City Sonic has travelled across European cities, creating sound-based itineraries featuring installations, performances and workshops that open up new possibilities for contemporary sound art. Its scope ranges from digital and media art to experimental sound instruments; from audiovisual and multimedia performances to installations; from electronic and contemporary music to experimental, improvised and therapeutic music; and from sound poetry to radio art.

Combining an international vision with a commitment to strengthening local artistic scenes, nurturing talent and bringing artists from different countries together, City Sonic connects artists with audiences through immersive experiences. Its approach focuses on artistic action in specific locations, creating meaningful connections between territories, places, artistic practices, communities, research and creativity.

City Sonic Vilnius aspires to become an international bridge for sound, visual and movement-based art between Europe and Asia, between professionals and communities, and between technology and the human voice. It is a space where sound becomes a living fabric, connecting people, cultures and cities.

Partners & Collaborators

City Sonic International Network

City Sonic Belgium:

The international sound art festival initiated by Philippe Franck, bringing sound-based artistic practices into public spaces through installations, performances and workshops.

City Sonic Seoul, South Korea:

An international connection extending the City Sonic network towards South Korea and fostering exchange between European and Asian artists.

Institutional and Cultural Partners

Transcultures, Belgium:

A centre for digital and sound culture supporting interdisciplinary art, artistic research and international collaboration.

Pépinières européennes de Création, France:

An international network supporting artistic mobility and contemporary interdisciplinary creation.

Užiateka, Lithuania:

An independent cultural initiative developing interdisciplinary artistic projects, international collaborations and creative encounters.

VšĮ Menų Oazė, Lithuania:

A cultural organisation involved in developing international partnerships and artistic initiatives in Lithuania.

ArtComTech, international:

A seminar network exploring the intersections of art, communication and technology.

Festivals and Artistic Platforms

Videoformes, Clermont-Ferrand, France:

An international festival dedicated to video art and digital creation.

Zone Libre Festival, France:

A platform for independent and experimental artistic practices.

Planned Accidents, South Korea:

An experimental platform connecting artists working with sound, movement and video.

Sounding Bridges, Lithuania and international partners:

An interdisciplinary event series bringing together traditional music, experimental sound, voice, movement and audiovisual art.

6-30 NOVEMBER 2023

Spirit of Vilnius

Interdisciplinary Exhibition and Collective Performances

Venue: Vilnius Town Hall (Rotušė), Didžioji g. 31, Vilnius, Lithuania



Description

An interdisciplinary exhibition and public programme initiated by artist and curator Natan Karczmar, exploring Vilnius's Lithuanian and Jewish heritage, cultural diversity and traditions of religious coexistence through photography, video, sound art, sculpture, mosaic, poetry and performance.

Connection to City Sonic

Produced with the support of Transcultures / City Sonic's 20th anniversary programme, Pépinières européennes de Création, FAYR Ecosystem and the Ministry of Culture and Innovation of the Republic of Užupis.

27-28 NOVEMBER 2023

ArtComTech Conferences

International Conferences and Artist Talks

Vilnius Town Hall, Vilnius, Lithuania

Speakers



Philippe Franck (Belgium/France): Art historian, cultural producer, sound and intermedia artist, founder and director of Transcultures and City Sonic.



Gabriel V. Soucheyre (France): Artistic director of Videoformes, the international festival of video art and digital cultures in Clermont-Ferrand.

Context and network

Organised within the Spirit of Vilnius exhibition and events programme, the two talks presented the speakers' artistic and transcultural perspectives, connecting the ArtComTech seminar network with the wider international networks of Transcultures, City Sonic and Videoformes.

29 JANUARY - 4 FEBRUARY 2024

Zone Libre

International Sound Art Festival

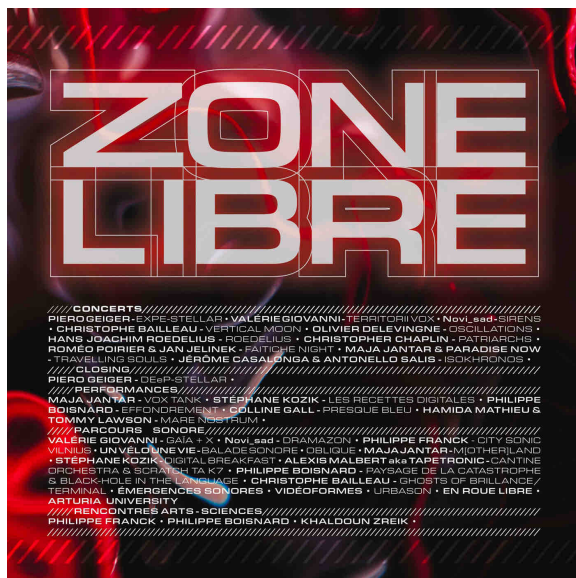
Bastia, Corsica, France



Zone Libre is an international festival of sound art bringing together sound installations, concerts, performances and experimental audiovisual works across public and cultural spaces in Bastia. The 2024 edition was organised in collaboration with Transcultures, as part of the 20th anniversary programme of City Sonic, and Pépinières européennes de Création.

29 JANUARY - 3 FEBRUARY 2024

City Sonic Vilnius | Sound Art Trail



Presented within the festival's urban sound trail, City Sonic Vilnius connected the Lithuanian sound art scene with the international network of artists and cultural organisations associated with Transcultures and City Sonic.

Artists and organisations involved:

Kotryna Žilinskaitė

Kotryna Kvedarytė

Aleksejus Sapiego

Gediminas Stepanavičius

Philippe Franck

Transcultures, Belgium

City Sonic

Pépinnières européennes de Création

Videoformes, France

22 JULY 2023

Tribute to Bob Kohn

Video Screenings and Artist Talks

Užupio Galera, Education Space, Vilnius, Lithuania



An evening dedicated to French artist Bob Kohn, featuring screenings of his short artistic videos and a discussion with Gabriel V. Soucheyre, video and digital art ambassador of the Republic of Užupis. Kohn's works playfully challenge the narrative conventions of Hollywood blockbusters.

Organisers and partners: ArtComTec, Užiateka, FAYR Ecosystem, VIDEOFORMES, Užupis Art Incubator, University of the Republic of Užupis, Ministry of Culture and Innovations of the Republic of Užupis, and the Republic of Užupis.

31 MAY - 1 JUNE 2025

SFEROS

Movement and Voice Workshop

La Fabrique de Vêtement and Le Chant des Chevaux, Belgium



A workshop led by Lithuanian interdisciplinary artist and researcher Kotryna Žilinskaitė during her residency at Transcultures (February-June 2025). SFEROS explores the relationship between body, voice, movement and space through a framework inspired by the five elements: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Ether.

The workshop combined somatic and vocal exploration, aerial yoga hammocks and collective improvisation, in dialogue with Microcosm, a video installation by Julija Šoblinskytė.

Organisers: Užiateka, Transcultures and Le Chant des Chevaux.

19-28 DECEMBER 2025

Sounding Bridges

Sound, Music and Movement: Creative and Therapeutic Encounters

Erdvė Būti, Vileišio g. 18, Vilnius, Lithuania



A multidisciplinary creative and therapeutic platform developed by Užiateka, bringing together traditional music, contemporary sound art, somatic practices, voice, movement and audiovisual performance. Sounding Bridges creates encounters between cultural traditions and experimental approaches to sound and embodied expression.

Organisers: Užiateka and Menų Oazė

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Supported by: The Lithuanian Council for Culture and Vilnius City Municipality.

Additional Partners & Collaborators: We are happy to connect with a wider circle of festivals, artistic platforms and cultural spaces, including Videoformes, Zone Libre Festival, Planned Accidents, Sounding Bridges, ArtComTech, Kintai Arts Residency, Verpėjų Residency, Užupis Art Incubator, Kompresorinė and Ideas Block.