

4. Site-Specific Singing

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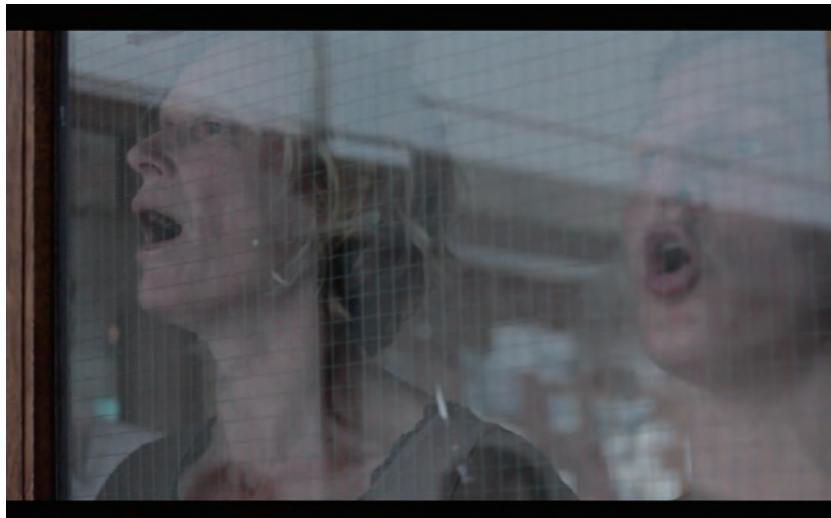
In Site-Specific Singing, singer(s) will observe and explore the space, and the relation with the audience, and will sing with it. The building has openings and cavities like our body or instrument. There are many elements to sing with: small rooms to hide the voice, doors that open and close, echoes back from the space, strange reverbs from metal objects, pipes to transmit the sound and warmth, etc. Voices and breath will be transmitted/accumulated from here to there, corridor, staircase, elevator, ceiling, underground tunnel, insulation pipes, etc.

Maybe it will change a way of how to look at the building. Maybe it will make more sensitivity in listening.

Maybe the audience would try listening to bed-spring at home, or try singing in the public space to hear the echo?



←↑ Performance at Dokzaal (Original duration 40minutes)
Video documentation 00:06:17: <https://vimeo.com/293800506>



4-2.Scores for Site-Specific Singing

Site-Specific Singing 20180612: instant performance with everyone

Schedule

Part1:
12:00 Warm-up "Ring"

Part2:
12:10 Come back to the hall. Check the paper. Split into 6 groups. Do the practice.

12:19sharp Come back to the hall

12:20 Performance!

12:30 End

PART1: About "Ring"



PART2:

Performance time frame (The time is a sort of rough aim)

12:20 Group1 and Group2 starts, which stops after hearing Group4 starts

12:21 Group4 starts, but only "the wooden café-hall doors" piece, which stops when Group3 opens the door.

12:22 Group3 interrupts Group4 and starts walking and singing.

12:24 Group3 comes back to the café. Till then Group4 is ready for kitchen piece and piano piece.

12:24 Group4 first does kitchen piece and then piano piece

12:26 Group5 starts and Group4 stops.

12:27 Group6 starts and Group5 stops.

TASKS.... *** means "leader", who knows more about Site-Specific Singing, so they can put extra information

Group1: Cecile*, Natasha, Bin

Group2: Thom*, Duncan, Marnie, Mavi

Group2:

Use 4 corners of the downstairs of the hall. One person at one corner.

Transmit a song (Material: calling voice) in one direction and keep the rotation. The song will naturally

mutate.

Group1 and **Group2** do the tasks at the same time, but as separate groups.

Group3:

Open the wooden café-hall doors.

Walk fast and sing loud simultaneously (Material: Any vowel with long-tone or short-tone, and everyone tries to have synched rhythm.), from the wooden café-hall doors > café > stairs > DJ-room > Toilet-corridor >

Emergency-staircase > Emergency door(Don't worry, it's not alarmed) > Studio-entrance > corridor > The hall > spread to the 3 staircases, go up and down > come back to the cafe.

When there are stairs, use high pitch when you are higher, and use low pitch when you are lower.

← Instructions prepared for a workshop

(This is an instruction for a workshop-style presentation of Site-Specific Singing at Dokzaal. Participants were around 20 people. I gave a short workshop for 20 minutes after the explanation with this paper, and we did one performance altogether for 10 minutes.)

→ One of the scores I made during research workshops with singers for Site-Specific Singing at Dokzaal 2018

〈SIMPLE SOUNDS/NOISES〉

○CURTAIN CHECK

1 person A →
→ open the curtain (fall)

2 person A →

3 ppl sing in sync with the space

- balcony
- corner
- window
- staircase
- under the staircase
- behind something
- a door
- center
- in the storage
- to a pipe
- to a window
- to the ceiling
- to the floor
- to a person



- The hall → café → downstairs → toilet → Emergency staircase
→ entrance → corridor → the hall

〈RESONANCE CHECKS〉

1st: downstairs (the dark stage)

2nd: the hall

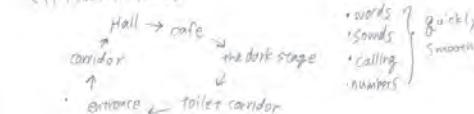
〈CALLING〉

What are the calling sounds?

1st: downstairs (the dark stage → toilet corridor → toilets)

2nd: hall (café → hall → corridor)

〈TRANSMISSION〉

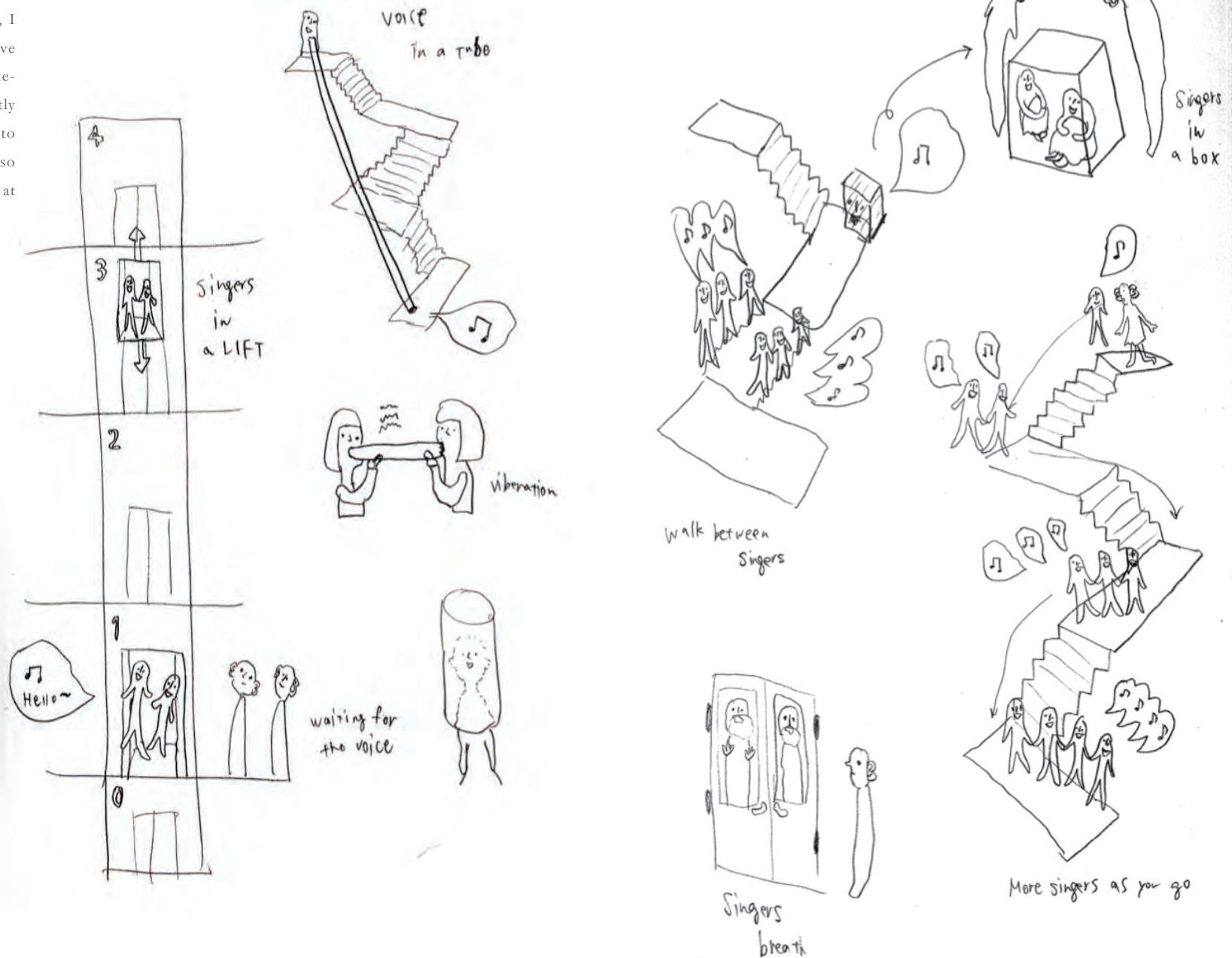


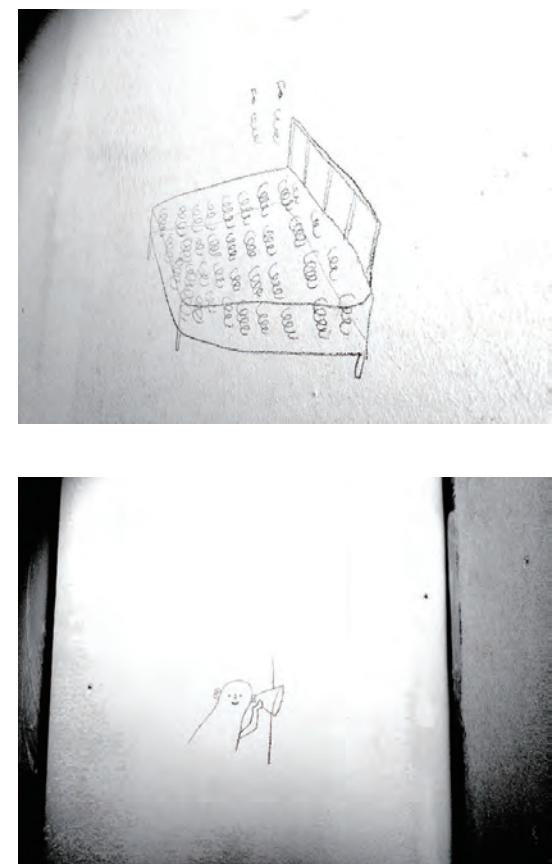
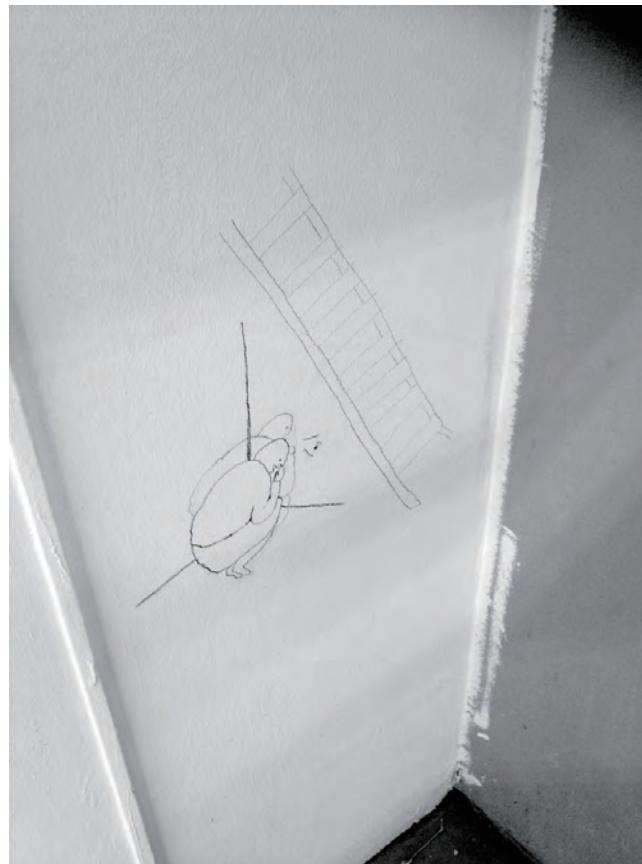
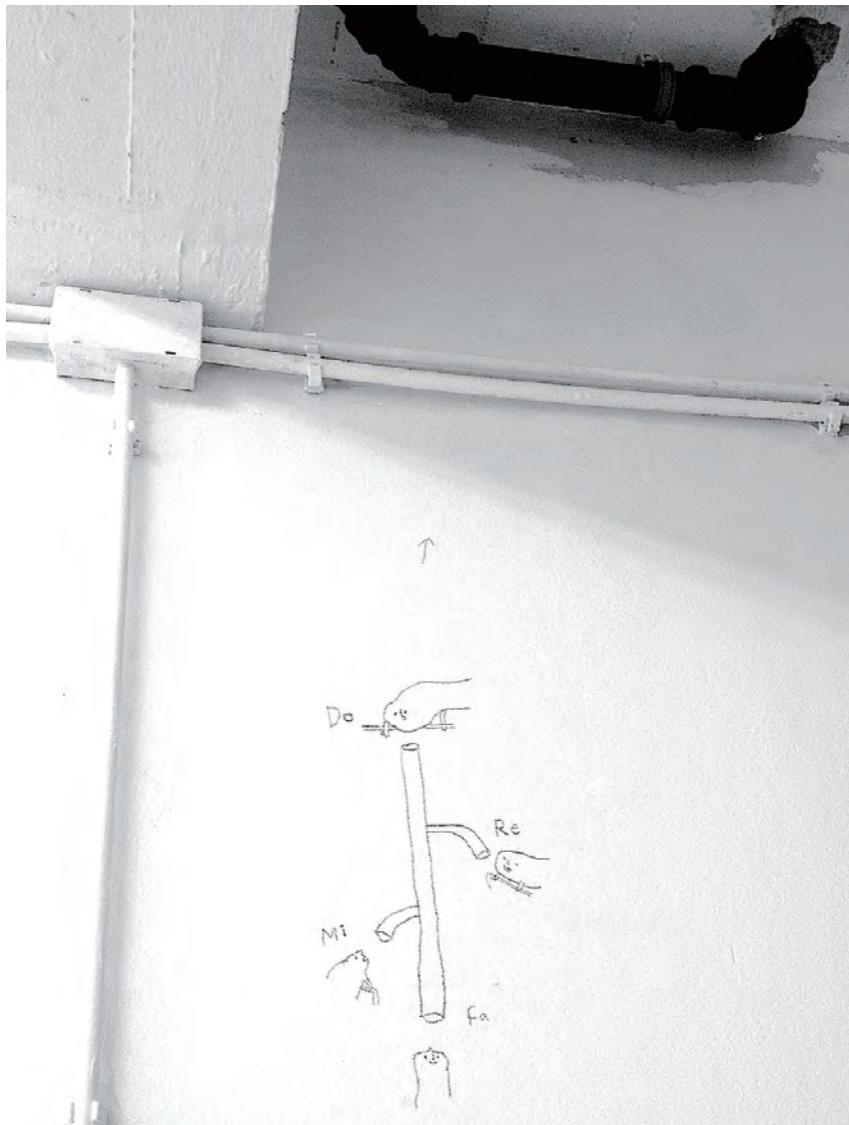
| TIME | TOILET&CAFE | HALL | NOTES |
|-------|--|--|--|
| 14:50 | Alpeggio turns into Impro  | AUDIENCE notes - one by one moment & - staggered moment - door controls by (M) sometimes by others - Reverbed voice by pedal Cafe → hall complete → door closed - → STOP by (M) Sing from the cafe windows → move to the hall Keep singing | 2-3 singers waiting @balcony Start calling/echoing (M) 15:05 |
| 15:10 | | | 15:13 All singers gather @ the wall Syncrhonized movements Singing 15:30 Split into 3 groups One group upstairs two group downstairs |
| | | | as a flock - slow, but sometimes fast - change volumes - For PIPE MOVEMENT, respect & help - synched in group composed as a whole |
| 15:31 | | | gradually spread to downstairs and make "RING" Someone in the hall starts and transmit Start Walking Start Overlapping Become One 15:45 End |

4-3.Scores for Site-Specific Singing

→ Drawings

When I organized rehearsals or workshops for Site-Specific Singing performance, I prepared such drawings, in order to give an idea to singers about how to do Site-Specific Singing. I also drew them directly on the wall of the exhibition spaces, to give visitors an idea about how they also could do site-specific singing/listening at the site.





4-4.
Suggestions for Site-Specific Singing on site, drawn on a wall





↑Singing with tin plates ©Est-Nord-Est, artists residency / Jean-Sebastien Veilleux photographer



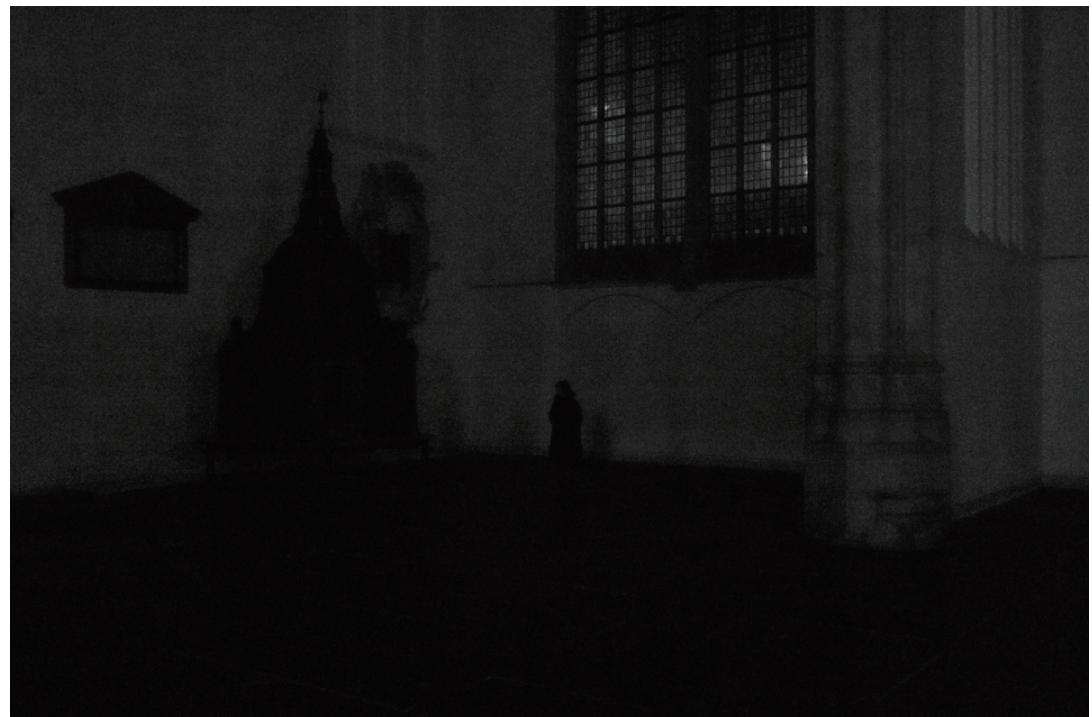
↑ Performance in tunnel, City Circles 2019, photo: Melanie Lemahieu



↑Singing with the building ©Est-Nord-Est, artists residency / Jean-Sebastien Veilleux photographer



↑Singing in a playground, City Circles 2019



↑Singing at Oudekerk, Amsterdam, 2018, with Annelie Koning and Moira Mick

4-5. Site-Specific Singing at various locations

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↑ Researches at WOW Amsterdam (Video Documentation 10minutes):

<https://vimeo.com/266516534>



↑ Performance at WOW Amsterdam, 2018

<https://vimeo.com/363628753>



↑ Singing in an elevator, workshop at the Inter Arts Center, Sweden



Singing with national siren system in the Netherlands↑



↑ Research at Nassaukerk with Genetic Choir, 2017