

PRESS RELEASE

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Maia Urstad

Babel Underground

concert installation for a tunnel and a large number of languages
from and with Dirk Specht and Maia Urstad

Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum

World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB)

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June 2017 from 10 am to 6 pm (**admission reserved exclusively for conference attendees**)

Bonn. Participants from over 100 countries are expected to attend the Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum 2017, to be held in the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB).

For this event, Norwegian artist Maia Urstad, city sound artist bonn 2017, and Dirk Specht have been commissioned to create a temporary concert installation – especially and exclusively for the conference’s international guests – in the pedestrian tunnel on the (closed) conference premises between the WCCB and the former Bundestag parliament building. Their compositions make use of sound material drawn from the DW archive, among other sources, and will serve as a further layer of sound co-mingling with the existing acoustic diversity present in the myriad languages spoken by the congress attendees on site.

curator: Carsten Seiffarth // sound direction: Markus Oppenländer, Dirk Specht
a project of bonn hoeren // Beethovenstiftung Bonn // Deutsche Welle (DW)

Preview: In fall 2017, Maia Urstad will realise a new site-specific sound installation (open to the general public this time!) in Bonn.

This particular creative work from city sound artist bonn Maia Urstad will focus on the linguistic diversity of Deutsche Welle. This German international broadcasting institution disseminates a rich multimedia program in 30 languages all around the world. During a research residency in Bonn, Maia Urstad will also explore the DW archive in search of potential raw material for her installation.

bonn hoeren 2017 is organised in co-operation with Deutsche Welle and Beethovenfest Bonn.

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