

SEVEN KINDS OF SILENCES

ATINA - 2013

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CHURCH OF SAN MARCO

Sunday 11th August 04.40pm

Behind – A cane tapping slowly on the floor; coming forward...heavy breathing

Front – Soft steps and giggles of two French children

Left side – A grandmother whispering loudly...venite qua!

Right side – Echoing coins inside the box under the candle holder

LIBRARY

Wednesday 14th August 10.00am

Behind – Typing gradually speeding up on a tired keyboard

Front – Friendly hands stacking books on a shelf

Left side – A voice asking; is anybody here? Steps coming down from a ladder

Right side – A printer technical fault

GARIBALDI SQUARE

Monday 12th August 06.00am

Front – The sun doesn't listen anymore

Behind – Bells nearby and a dog barking from a distance

Left side – Four packs of newspapers being put on the floor next to a shop

Right side – Two men wishing each other a good day (one from a car)

RESIDENCY SPACE (FORMER NURSERY)

Tuesday 13th August 02.10am

Behind – Andy struggling to open the door

Front – Folds of a curtain touching the wall; doors and windows slamming

Left side – Pacing around in the next-door studio

Right side – (wind through the window) Maps and drawings cascading from the Grand Piano

ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Wednesday 14th August 03.30pm

Behind – Talks about the Mayor

Front – Calm before the storm

Left side – Air Conditioning unit blowing cold air (and getting stuck at times)

Right side – Nagging roaring of a lawnmower and at the buzzing of a wasp

DUCAL PALACE

Saturday 10th August 09.30pm

Behind – Echo of chairs being moved

Front – Recital of chamber music before applause

Left side – A cultured lady making comments (not too loudly) on the white night

Right side – Suffocated sneezing

TERRAZZA LOOKING AT THE VALLEY

Monday 12th August 08.00am

Front – Old literature makes me dizzy

Behind – Setting up of market stalls

Left side – A cat coming to observe me

Right side – A Californian middle age couple going for a walk