



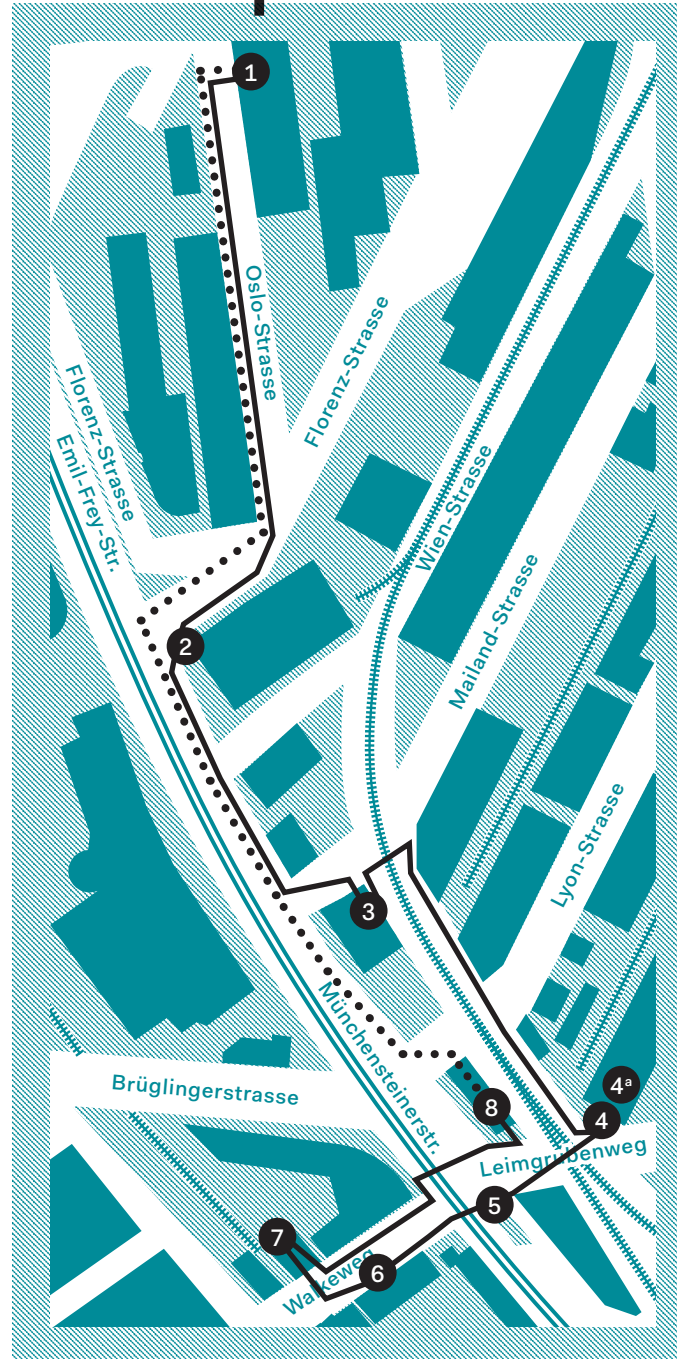
Christina Kubisch

Electrical Walks Basel

Electrical Walks Basel is commissioned by the House of Electronic Arts for the exhibition "Sensing Place. Mediatizing the Urban Landscape". It is walk no. 41 in a series of electromagnetic soundwalks that the artist has created since 2004.

Christina Kubisch's *Electrical Walks* enable a new experience of the city, one that uncovers Basel's hidden electromagnetic phenomena. Armed with a special headphone that amplifies the perceptibility of electrical currents and a map marked with local magnetic landmarks, visitors are offered an auditory adventure that shifts the perception of everyday reality by giving substance to invisible wavelengths and charges.

Dreispietz



1 Distribution of headphones, House of Electronic Arts Basel (HeK)
The rental of the headphones is free of charge. You will be asked to deposit your driver's license or an ID card that will be returned to you at the end of the tour.

Showroom
Listen around in the exhibition, closely hold your head to monitors, beamers and other electronic devices.

2 Main street
Slowly go up to Emil-Frey-Strasse and stop. Listen to the beats of the streetcars and turn your head from time to time.

3 Parking lot
Enter the Dreispitz area again through Gate 11 at the entrance (Mailand-Strasse). Advance to the parking lot in front of you, behind house 274a. Here you find a nearly silent electrical stillness.

Cross the tracks (ATTENTION: they are to some extent still in use) and follow them until you reach Leimgrubenweg.

4 Computer Shop
Approach the entrance of STEG (ATTENTION: very loud!).

4^a TV
Enter the store with your headphones turned off and go to the TVs. Turn your headphones on again and discover the differences between plasma-, LCD- and LED-TVs (approach closely).

Leave the store and approach the gray electronics' box on the wall at your right in the entrance area.

5 Streetcar stop
Cross the street (Attention!) and place yourself at the streetcar stop. Listen to the streetcars arriving and leaving.

6 Ticket vending machine
Approach the touchscreen.

7 Railway
Descend the stairs to the railway. Walk around on the platform and stand still from time to time.

8 High voltage box
Cross the street again and find the gray high voltage box with the three doors behind building no. 270. Stand closely in front of the doors marked with "Vorsicht Lebensgefahr".

Remove the headphones, switch them off, and bring them back to HeK.

1 Distribution of headphones, Tourist & Hotel Information

The rental of the headphones is free of charge. You will be asked to show identification.

2 Barfüsserplatz

Stand still and listen to the beats of the streetcars. Turn your head whilst listening. Then slowly proceed to Freie Strasse.

3 Neon sign

Approach the Wolford-neon sign.

4 Security gate

Approach the entrance of the Pfauen Coop store (ATTENTION: very loud!).

5 ATM

Approach the screens of the ATMs as closely as possible. Please consider fellow passengers.

6 Security gate

Approach the entrance of the clothing store Benetton (ATTENTION: very loud!).

7 Perfumery

Turn your headphones off and enter the store. Turn headphones on after a few meters inside. Walk through the ground floor of the store to the stand of the brand La Mer and approach as closely as possible. Don't forget to turn off your headphones before you leave the store again.

8 Safe deposit boxes

Cross the street and walk past the post office to the entrance of the safe deposit boxes (on the left side of the main entrance). Slowly walk along the safe deposit boxes.

9 Schlüsselberg

Enter the small alleyway and slowly walk up. Listen to the calm flow of the old town.

10 Münsterplatz

Explore the magnetic fields of the square.

11 Cross-coat Münster

Walk into the public cross-coat of the Münster on the far right of the church door. Slowly walk to the window facing the Rhine River. Enjoy the electromagnetic silence.

12 Kastellmauer

Enter the courtyard of the department of transportation. Go along the left side of the building until you reach a red and white pole with "Kastellmauer" written on it. Lean against it and listen to the signals. Then follow the route with its changing degrees of electricity until you reach Bankverein.

13 Bank comparison

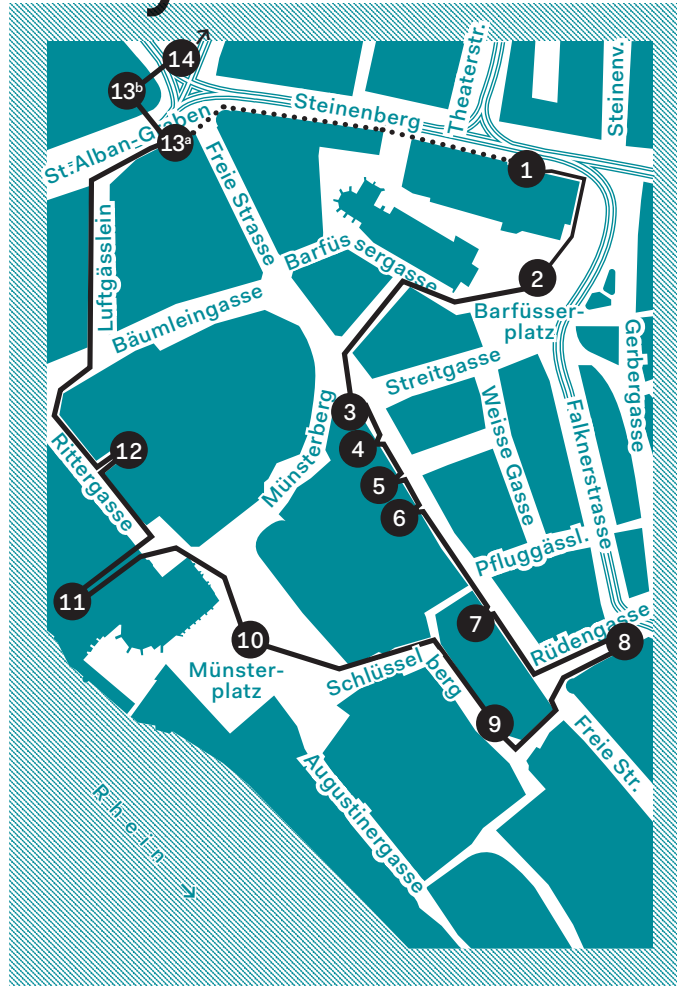
Compare the ATMs of Credit Suisse (13^a) and UBS (13^b), outside as well as inside in the main halls.

14 Basel SBB option

Take the headphones back to the Tourist & Hotel Information or take a streetcar to Basel's train station, Basel SBB. Walk through the hall of the station and listen to the ticket vending machines, neon signs and other machines. Go to the tracks and listen to the trains moving in and out of the station. Listen to the special security gate at the Media Markt at the end of the alleyway on the top floor of the station. Turn your headphones off and enter the shop. Approach the different TVs with your headphones turned on and discover the differences between plasma-, LCD- and LED-TVs.

Walk to the exit Gundel-dingen and take streetcar no. 16 to Barfüsserplatz, where you can return your headphones.

City



→ The use of headphones is not harmful, but please be cautious as certain sound sources, particularly security gates, can be extremely loud. Never walk through a security gate with headphones on.

→ Pay attention when crossing the roads.

→ The route indicated on the map is a suggestion only. Feel free to explore the city as you wish. Some of the sounds indicated on the map may not be present all of the time.

→ Walk slowly and sometimes stop and just turn your head around. Electromagnetic fields can vary within very short distances.

→ Please turn your headphones off when not in use in order to save the power of the batteries.

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at Barfüsserplatz

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