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Since the early 1980s **Christina Kubisch** has worked with the system of electromagnetic induction, which she developed from the basic technique to an individual artistic tool for her sound installations. In 2003, she started the series "Electrical Walks" which offers a new experience of the normally hidden electromagnetic phenomena of our surroundings. Armed with special headphones which makes audible the electromagnetic fields around us and a map marked with magnetic landmarks, the visitors are offered an auditory adventure that shifts perception of everyday reality by giving substance to invisible wavelengths and charges.

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 your headphones switched on!**

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

Walk slowly, take your time and stop from time to time and just turn your head around. Electromagnetic fields can vary within very short distances. During daytime and nighttime different electromagnetic waves may be active.

Please turn off your headphones when not in use in order to save the batteries and return them promptly after your walk. Treat them carefully as they are custom made.

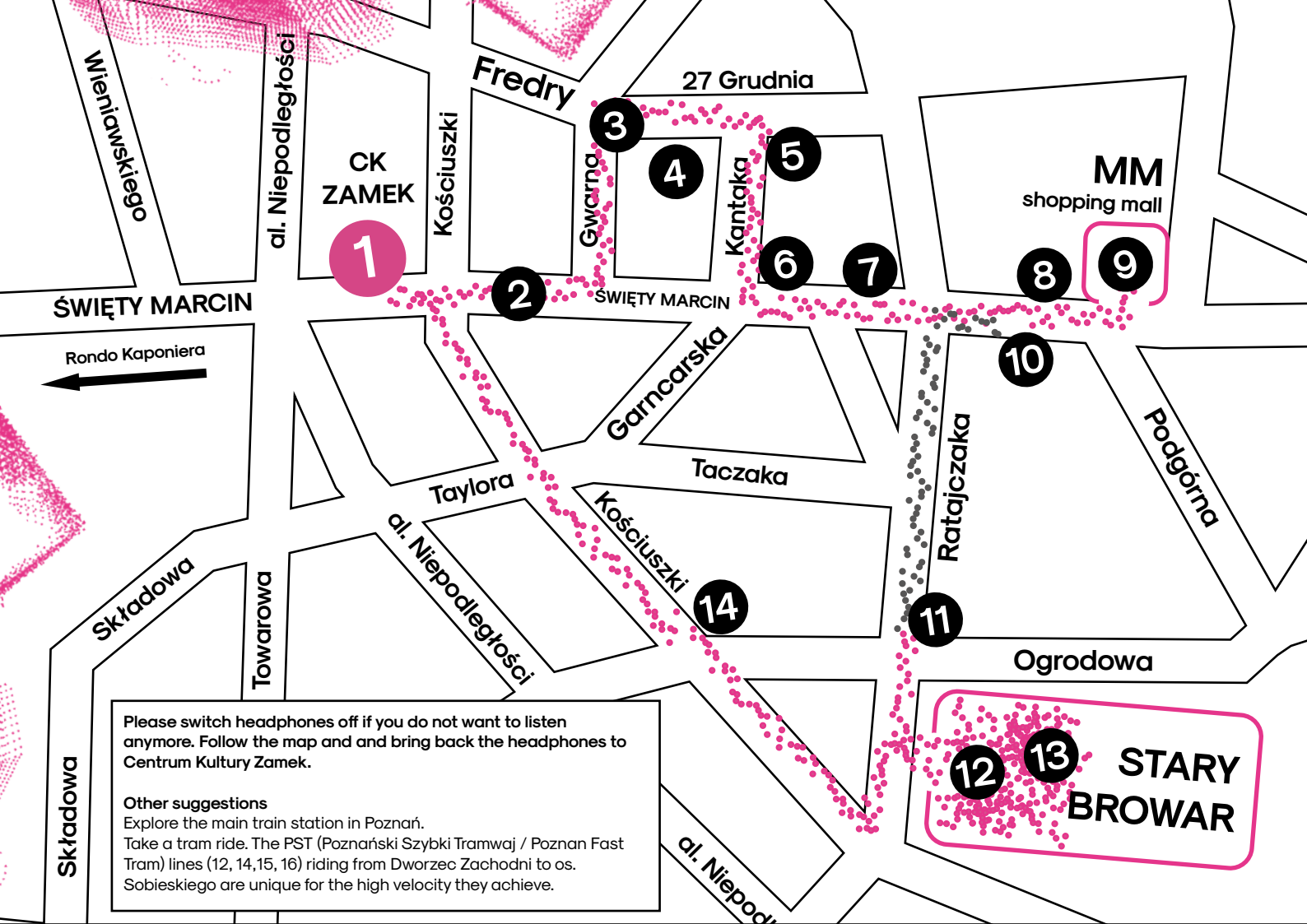
The Electrical Walks Poznań is Nr. 86 of the series, which has taken place internationally in Europe, South- and North America, Asia and Africa.



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## Electrical Walks Poznań

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Please switch headphones off if you do not want to listen anymore. Follow the map and bring back the headphones to Centrum Kultury Zamek.

#### Other suggestions

Explore the main train station in Poznań.

Take a tram ride. The PST (Poznański Szybki Tramwaj / Poznań Fast Tram) lines (12, 14, 15, 16) riding from Dworzec Zachodni to os. Sobieskiego are unique for the high velocity they achieve.

**1. Centrum Kultury Zamek** | You can collect your headphone and a map at the **Short Waves Festival's Info Point**. The walk is free. Approach the large screen in the hall and listen to the moving leds. Walk over to the ticket machine near the exit and compare the screen sound. Leave the building.

**2. Święty Marcin street** | Walk slowly along the street until Gwarna street, then turn left. Stop from time to time, move your head and discover a variety of small signals and different electrical drones.

**3. Dom Książki** | Stop at Gwarna street 11. Around this area you will hear a special signal. Move around and find the best position for listening, listen as well as well to the magnetic fields of the tramlines nearby.

**4. Security gates** | When you reach the Samsung shop, go slowly up and down in front of the entrance and the windows. **Attention: very loud signal. Do NOT go too close to the entrance door.**

**5. Kantaka street** | Cross the street and stop at the corner. Look towards the Collegium Altum tower. Slowly walk along the street and listen to the various signals. They might not be there all the time.

**6. Bankomat Pekao Bank** | At the end of the passage turn left. Enter the Bankomat room of the Bank Pekao and enjoy the sounds of the money machine.

**7. Enea powerstation** | Turn left at Coiffeut "Il Padrino" and enter the inner courtyard. Approach the grey building with the blue stripes. Go around the electrical powerstation. **Attention: it can be very intense.** Go back to the street and continue your walk.

#### 8. MUZA Cinema

**8a.** Enter the passage and approach the cinema. Stop in front of the building. You will discover voices and other acoustic sounds. An induction system in the cinema is transferring the audio to the outside. Listen to a film without seeing it. Enter the Cinema. Find more places to listen: sound will be very clear in the corridors.

**8b.** Enjoy the various Neon signs. **Attention:** can be very loud. The cinema is not always open, have a look at the time schedule.

#### 9. MM shopping mall

##### 9a. Light advertisement

Listen to the screens of light advertisement just in front of the Świat Prasy newsagent's.

##### 9b. Kik

Take the escalator and go down. Explore the security gate of Kik, which is as interesting as the items sold there.

##### 9c. Świat Książki

Go up again and go to the bookshop Świat Książki. Compare the security gates sound to the last one.

Leave the mall and cross the street. Go back in the direction of Ratajczaka street.

**10. Hong Yu** | Explore the powerful Neon sign for delicacies in the window of the shop. Continue your walk.

**11. Ratajczaka street: pause for your ears** | At the corner of Ratajczaka street take off your headphones and switch them off. Walk down the street and concentrate on the acoustic soundscape around you.

**12. Stary Browar** | Put on your headphone again, switch it on and enter the shopping mall.

##### 12a. Light screens

Listen to the two large light screen of the digital shoeshop "eobuwie" at the right side.

##### 12b. Security gates

Explore the security gate in front of "Fitanu.com" and the shops following, then take the elevator scale down to the groundfloor.

##### 12c. Super-Pharm

Go up and down in front of apteka Super-Pharm. **Attention: very unhealthy sound for your ears.**

**13. Underground garage** | Take the elevator scales down to -2 level. Enter the parking. Explore the large quiet place and make your own discoveries. Leave the mall by using the elevator.

**14. Kościuszki street** | Kościuszki street has very calm magnetic fields and is appropriate to chill out your electromagnetic experience.