

NEWSLETTER 3

Welcome to Finland

Vasa / Vaasa 2016

The workshops are about to start and as usual, the students will have lots of things to do. Here are just a few examples.

Monday

Presentation of the students' schools and the soundscapes of their cities

Building soundscapes with a drama instructor.

Tuesday

Cultural analysis of the sound profiles.

Short conference about sound design and sound therapy.

Wednesday

Presentation of the sound level project.

Thursday

Guided bus tour to the Natural Heritage Sight of the Kvarken Archipelago.

Friday

Activities with a music teacher.

This week, the students will also attend classes, a charity concert and even an ice-hockey match!

The students arrive in Finland...

The Italian, Belgian and French groups arrived in Finland on Saturday and the Norwegian and Turkish delegations joined them the day after.



For some of these students, the journey to Vaasa was quite an adventure as they had never taken a plane before. 'I was really nervous before the plane took off, but then I loved it and I want to fly again!' said Maryan, a student from France.

... and meet their exchange students



The Belgian and French groups took the same plane to go to Finland and when they landed in Vaasa, dozens of Finnish students and parents were waiting for them at the airport.

The students left with their host families so as to enjoy their first weekend together. Of course, some of them were a bit shy but no doubt all these welcoming families will make them feel at home.

In a word

ONOMATOPOEIA

The creation of words that imitate natural sounds, for example: *boom, buzz, hiss, slurp, splash.*

Sound art

Jørgen Larsson is a musician, sound artist and curator from Bergen, Norway.

He co-founded and is the director of Lydgalleriet, a gallery space in Bergen dedicated to sound art.

Here is a very interesting website about his art (Sound Art in 2012) http://www.kunstjournalen.no/12_eng/joergen-larsson-sound-art-in-2012

Website

Ambient Mixer

Would you like to feel like you are in the middle of *the perfect storm, heaven, a forest, Scottish rain?* Or perhaps going to Hogwarts has always been your dream... These are just a few examples of audio atmospheres you can listen to on ambient-mixer.com

In addition to that, you can even create your own atmospheric sound mix.

Eureka!

Ultrasounds are sound waves with frequencies higher than the upper audible limit of human hearing. Ultrasounds are no different from 'normal' (audible) sounds in their physical properties, except that humans cannot hear them. This limit varies from person to person and is approximately 20 kilohertz (20,000 hertz) for healthy, young adults.

The teachers meet again, too!

Working and spending time together. Visiting new places. Sharing good moments, and finding new ideas to have the students communicate, work and enjoy each other's company. This is what Erasmus+ is all about for the teachers and once again, when they were reunited, one could feel they were eager to work together again.



Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

Actually the weather outside was not frightful at all. Temperatures around zero degrees did not deter any of the teachers from going out and having a walk in the snow. Only the wind was a bit cold for us!

