

Lou Reed Drones

The Spire (St Mark's Chapel), Edward Street, Brighton BN2 5JN

An Invitation from Brighton Festival to Brighton Artists and practitioners to participate in a series of *Happenings* that will take place during **Lou Reed Drones** Project. The *Happenings* will take place between the hours of 2-4pm, 13th–17th May 2016.

Lou Reed Drones is an installation of his guitars and amps in feedback mode: 36 strings set in motion from the push of magnetically driven cones; 360 partial harmonics colliding against each other, cascading, uniting, elevating, and rising up

We invite artists, musicians, performers, meditators, Tai Chi classes and alike to immerse themselves with this unique sound installation.

This is a loud, powerful sound installation enveloped in the Drones, one feels a true force.

'I hope that they experience the gateway of their imagination to be opened! The Drones generate so many harmonics in the air that people hear different things within the drones; some hear birds, or horns, brass bands, others hear strings, or voices. In addition the sound waves hit the body perhaps penetrating and shaking internal organs, releasing endorphins etc. I like to think of it as a sonic massage! During that tour in Sydney, while setting the feedback Lou shouted to me: 'I feel healed in The Drones!' He was ill at the time and I fully acknowledged the gravity of his statement.'

- Stewart Harwood, Lou Reed's long term guitar technician

Lou Reed's Metal Machine Music that is used in the guitar feedback can be heard here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIMSbKU2oZM>

All *Happenings* need to be self-sufficient, non-intrusive and without amplification. Please note there isn't any fee on offer.

If you are interested in responding to the Drones creatively please contact **Letitia.McConalogue@brightonfestival.org** with a short description about you, your practice and how you would like to respond to the Drones. There is limited time and space so the curatorial team here will get back to you to confirm if there is a space to incorporate your idea in the schedule.