

Viv Corringham:

Viv is a British vocalist and sound artist, currently based in Minnesota, USA, who has worked internationally since the early 1980s. Her work includes music performances, audio installations and soundwalks. She is interested in exploring people's special relationship with familiar places and how that links to an interior landscape of personal history, memory and association.

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Interviewed over the Internet and published June, 2008 on http://talkingwalking.net

Find out more about Viv Corringham here: http://hometown.aol.co.uk/vivdc/

Steven Feld, author of "Sound and Sentiment: Birds, Weeping, Poetics and Song in Kaluli Expression" is an ethnographic study of sound as a cultural system among the Kaluli people of Papua New Guinea

Viv's project Urban Song Paths took a traditional musical form, the Kaluli song path from Papua, New Guinea, and translated it for a contemporary urban situation. Her Two Rivers Project explored a classic song path subject, the route of a waterway, in terms of two London rivers: the River Lea and the River Fleet.

During a composer residency at Cal State University in Los Angeles, Viv produced the composite shadow walk called "In the machine", an extract of which you can listen to from here:

http://www.mnartists.org/artistHome.do?rid=85171

Grande Marais in Minnesota, by Lake Superior is one of the places that Viv would like to return to, as well as Cork in the west of Ireland.

Viv uses binaural microphones to record the Shadow Walks - her preference is the Dolphin DPA model

Viv's favourite walks:

- 1. The River Lea in east London, from Canning Town to Trinity Buoy Wharf – she likes the sounds of the derelict Pura Factory http://www.walklondon.org.uk/route.asp?R=4 The section Viv recommends is at the southern end of this walking route – you can reach the start of the section she suggests by taking public transport to Canning Town
- 2. She also recommended the Skywalk in Minneapolis http://www.emich.edu/public/geo/557book/d364.skywalks.html
- 3. She is a member of the Avatar Orchestra http://avatarorchestra.blogspot.com/ in Second Life http://secondlife.com/