

AKUSMATA

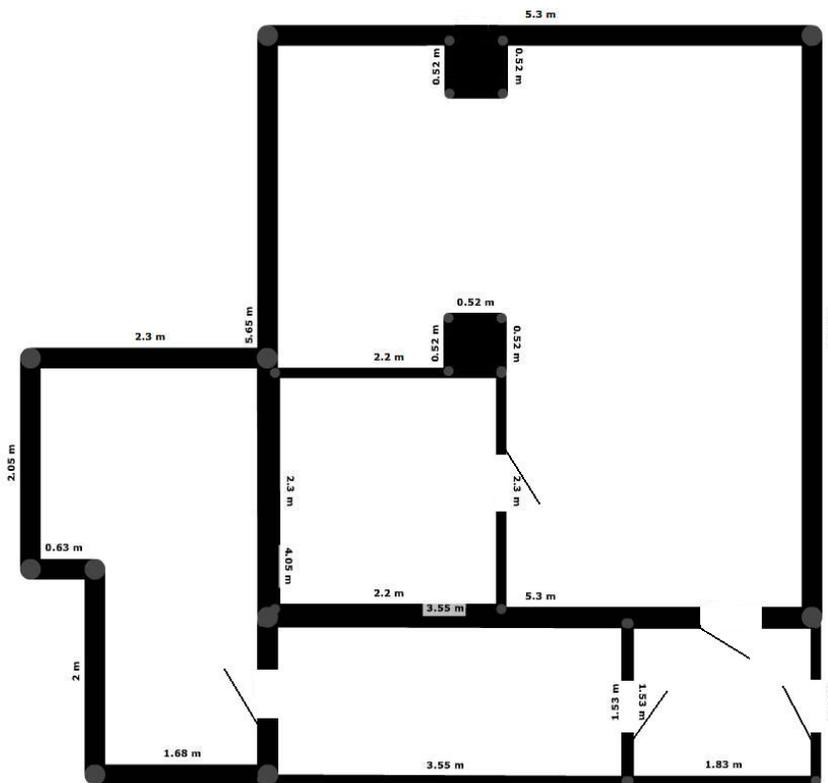
Sound Art Gallery

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info for artists

Akusmata is a gallery for Sound Art, Sound Installations, and sound-based Media Art and Video Art. We also present radiophonic, acousmatic and soundscape compositions. Please take a look at the website akusmata.com to get an idea about the gallery and previous exhibitions.

In Finland, Media Art galleries and non-commercial Contemporary Art galleries rent their gallery spaces for artists. This is the case with Akusmata as well. In 2012 Akusmata's rent is 680 euros / 4 weeks. It is very inexpensive in Finnish standards, and it is calculated to cover the basic costs of the gallery. Akusmata rents the gallery space mainly for exhibition use, but it is also possible to arrange small live concerts, performances and events in the space.



Floor plan.

The main exhibition space is the 30 m² room (incl. 5 m² small room). All rooms are in exhibition use, except the room on the left side which is for the storage of equipments. The small room on the bottom right is foyer.

The gallery is at the basement of apartment house, no

sunlight comes to the space. Height of the rooms is 2.20 metres. There are white brick walls in the exhibition rooms. In the main room, thin metal wires are already installed on the wall for molton curtains, the size of this rectangle area is 2.80 x 5.65 m. The black molton curtain dampens the sound reflections effectively. It is up to artist whether s-/he use molton on the walls or open space. When building the exhibition it is possible to work at the gallery around the clock. Next to gallery is a working space where is a toilet and water tap.

Akusmata has audio equipments for gallery use: dozens of speakers (2"-14"), box of cables,

amplifiers, 2 mixers, active PA-speakers, monitor speakers, black molton curtains, guitar amplifier, piezo discs, adapters, connectors, extension cords, power cords, soldering tools, drilling machine, screws and hooks, tools, few spotlights... The artist can use these freely when building the exhibition. If the artist has to buy or rent materials, equipments or tools, s-/he should take care on the all costs. Same with the travelling and transportation costs, insurance (if needed) and everything else that s-/he needs to buy for the exhibition. The gallery has no budget for material costs.

Akusmata keeps the gallery open and will take care on the exhibition space and that the sound works will run during the exhibition time. Akusmata will take care on publicity and informs media / press on the exhibitions. Gallery has e-list of hundreds of contacts, who all will get information on the exhibitions. The gallery has direct contacts to the press and important practitioners in the fields of Sound Art, Electronic Music and Contemporary Art in Finland.

If the artist can't arrange his/her's visit to Helsinki, then we can do the whole installation work, including building and packing, without presence of the artist. This means like putting up the sound system, running the work from DVD/CD player or software, covering the walls with molton curtain, arranging few chairs that visitors can use when listening at the exhibition space, and packing the system after exhibition period. This is possible if the exhibition work is not too complicated to install by Akusmata gallery.

In 2012 the exhibition period is 4 weeks, including building and packing of the exhibition. It is up to artist how many days from that time (4 weeks) s-/he want to use for building and packing. Akusmata is open on working days, and closed on Sat-Sun and holidays. If the artist stays in Helsinki during the exhibition period, there is a chance that s-/he can keep the gallery open during the weekends or holidays (when the gallery is normally closed). After the closing day of the exhibition the artist must arrange transportation for his/hers' works and equipments in reasonable time.

Akusmata is located adjacent to the immediate downtown area of Helsinki city, ca. 10 minutes by bus or tram from the Helsinki Railway Station to North. Near the gallery is grocery (24/7), shops, restaurants, pizzerias, bars, cafes, gas station with shop (24/7), swimming hall, pharmacy, hospital, Central Park -- walk few hundred meters more and you'll arrive to Helsinki Olympic Stadium, seashore, or Mäntyniemi, the official residence of the President of Finland.

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