

## Listen and gr0w - Live Listings Magazine (May 2008)



Anyone who wishes to combine art with 'music' will be in for a treat with gr0w, the title of a new sound work by award winning sound artist Robert Jarvis for the Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden. The piece takes its inspiration from the genetic makeup of the plants that are situated around an area of the garden known as The Oriental Pond. Out of the garden's calm ambience, a series of musical compositions emanate from around the pond.

Fast moving but gentle musical patterns derived from the plants' DNA contrast with slower melodies based on different amino acid sequences governing the processes of growth and aging. The sounds slowly fade in, teasing the ears with their presence, and quietly dance around the pond before fading out again returning the listener to the garden's gentle soundscape.

Jarvis works as a sound artist concentrating on compositions that aim to connect people's perceptions with sense-of-place. His work encourages people to rethink their environments and question how they relate to their surroundings. As a result, his pieces open up new worlds for those that come into contact with his installations, posing new questions and enticing new understandings related to identity and environment.

The Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, which has an international reputation promoting young and exciting talent alongside some of today's most acclaimed and established sculptors, has been exhibiting sculptural works since 1984.

It lies in a secluded valley at the foot of the Surrey Hills and is situated 20 minutes south of Dorking in Surrey and on the border with West Sussex. This is the first time that the garden has worked with a sound artist to create new work and consider Jarvis's genetically inspired compositions as adding a subtle presence to the already calming surroundings.

The result is an experience that connects the listener to the hidden but ever present micro-world of genetic activity and the underlying processes of life itself.

**This exhibition, that will truly allow you to grow, runs from May to the end of October 2008, at The Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Black and White Cottage, Standon Lane Ockley, Surrey, RH5 5QR. Fridays & Saturdays 11am - 6pm, Sundays & Bank Hols 2pm - 5pm. Info: 01306 627269 / [www.gr0w.wordpress.com](http://www.gr0w.wordpress.com)**

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