

# Listen Carefully Siobhan Dyson

Sunday 31st January 2021, 1000

#### **Programme note**

This piece was originally created as part of an installation piece but, due the pandemic, it has been cut from a 2-hour loop to a short 20-minute video.

Siobhan was inspired to create a piece detailing her everyday life as a person living with autism. She decided to explore her natural surroundings and create an atmosphere similar to her own. She struggled with the concept of this piece as she had no knowledge of how 'normal' people hear and see the world. She found this particularly difficult as, not only was she trying to portray her everyday life, but in this process, she succumbed herself to a multitude of meltdowns. She wanted to show the audience what she goes through every day and urges the audience to look away if they feel unwell physically, emotionally or mentally.

This work shows Siobhan taking her dogs out for a walk and what a typical day looks like for her.

## **Biography**

### Siobhan Dyson

Siobhan Dyson has obtained her BMus (Hons) degree in composition at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She is now undertaking her master's degree at the same university studying with composer, Dr Oliver Searle.

Born in Macclesfield, she developed a passion for composing when her grandfather gave her a keyboard where she was self-taught on piano and starting writing at the early age of ten.

During her school days she developed her piano and composition skills and decided that she wanted to pursue a career in composition.

She has also performed many of her pieces live and composed pieces many pieces for Concert bands; dancers; musicians; short films and narrations.

Siobhan is currently working on a multitude of projects including; Collaboration with a P.H.D student studying English; Electroacoustic works for an ensemble; An instillation piece for Sound Scotland and a brass quintet for 'in the night with'.

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