**Speaker Park (2019)**

**Overview**

Speaker Park was an internationally curated collaborative event combining the production of a unique, sculptural, multi-loudspeaker installation with two original and bespoke musical compositions.

Jon Pigott’s sculptural speaker designs were combined with those of Roar Sletteland to create an immersive 24 channel speaker environment – a *Speaker Park*. Compositions by Dr Antti Sakari Saario and Mari Kvien Brunvoll were created specifically for the *Speaker Park* and the installation premiered at Borealis festival of Sound Art and Experimental Music which took place between 6th – 10th March 2019 in various venues around Bergen, Norway. Speaker Park was commissioned and curated by Leo Preston and Veronica Thorseth through the WRAP centre for artistic production in Bergen. The collaborative team comprised two UK based artist / researchers (Pigott and Saario) and two Norwegian artists (Sletteland and Brunvoll).

Following it’s premier the installation went to Oseana Gallery and cultural centre, near Bergen, from 1st - 7th April 2019 where producers Preston and Thorseth engaged local communities in recording and producing sounds for *Speaker Park* as well as presenting the compositions by Saario and Brunvoll.

*Speaker Park* is conceived as a bespoke sculptural sound system which works as an alternative to and as a critique of the commercial high-end technological systems typically used for the electronic production and reproduction of sound. The project worked as a conversation between composer and speaker designer and as an investigation into unusual resonant and diverse approaches to loudspeaker design.

**Links**
Produced by WRAP: [http://wrap.hdu.no](http://wrap.hdu.no)


Exhibited at Oseana 1st - 7th April 2019: [https://www.oseana.no/nb](https://www.oseana.no/nb)

Borealis reviews (in English referencing *Speaker Park*):


[https://nationalsawdust.org/thelog/2019/03/18/in-review-borealis-festival/](https://nationalsawdust.org/thelog/2019/03/18/in-review-borealis-festival/)


**Images on the following pages:**

1. **Sculptural Speakers for *Speaker Park* by Jon Pigott:**
2. Images from Borealis premiere