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DEAR FRIENDS OF PAULINE OLIVEROS AND DEEP LISTENING®:

Even though composer Pauline Oliveros left the material plane two years ago this Thanksgiving, her pioneering work continues to flourish as if she were still running the show. And maybe she is. During the years before she passed, Oliveros took steps to build a vibrant community and educational system to carry on her legacy, music and practice of Deep Listening at events around the world.

Oliveros was as active locally as she was throughout the world, and this year, the Common Council of Kingston voted to create Deep Listening Plaza in honor of Pauline Oliveros. In addition to being a pioneering artist in the city for over 30 years, launching Deep Listening Space on lower Broadway and at the Shirt Factory in midtown. Pauline worked toward creating a vibrant midtown in Kingston, NY, which is now moving forward as MAD, the Midtown Arts District. She and IONE appreciated the initial support for the Arts of two previous Mayors (T.R. Gallo and Shayne Gallo.) Currently, Mayor Steve Noble's continuing commitment to the Arts in Kingston has been instrumental in seeing a powerful collective vision through.

On August 3, 2018, the city of Kingston unveiled a "Deep Listening Plaza in Honor of Pauline Oliveros," not far from the Victorian home Oliveros and IONE shared for many years. It is planned that it will become an enduring playful and creative spot, in tribute to its namesake. "I look forward to many gatherings as we build on the wonderful energies and visions that continue to be sourced by the spirit of our intrepid Pauline," said IONE, beaming, as she sat in an ornate study at their Kingston home.

She was particularly excited about the August 23-26 California retreat at Ratna Ling Meditation Center in Sonoma County, which like all Deep Listening retreats since 1981 will feature Pauline's usual Deep Listening techniques -- intense listening, walking meditation, movement, interactive music making and lots of other fun stuff. For 25 years these retreats were conducted by Pauline, author and dream specialist IONE and Tai Chi Instructor Heloise Gold. The Ratna Ling event will be conducted by IONE, Heloise and certified Deep Listening Certificate Instructor Jennifer Wilsey. "We would love to be able to provide inspiration and guidelines for other retreats around the world," said IONE.

According to IONE, Pauline spent the last three years of her life preparing for the "next phase" of her work. She dissolved her non-profit Deep Listening Institute and transferred its archives to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she was a professor of Deep Listening. She helped set up The Center for Deep Listening at Rensselaer, directed by Professor Tomie Hahn, which today runs online DL workshops and graduates new DL Certificate holders and teachers annually. Deep Listening Workshops, Intensives and Retreats facilitated by Certificate Holders take place internationally.

Oliveros then transferred the rest of her Deep Listening catalog to the Ministry of Maât, Inc. (M.o.M., Inc.), the 501c3 IONE and Oliveros and a small group of dedicated women founded in 1997. As IONE puts it, "The Ministry of Maât, Inc. (ministryofmaat.org) is a spiritual and educational organization with goals of nurturing worldwide harmony and balance. M.o.M. continues to house and manage the creative visions, compositions, writings and other essences of Pauline. We are nurturing her legacy in the world." Pauline's personal and

creative archives are also housed at Mills College, NY Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center, the University of San Diego, and the Houston Public Library.

Through the Ministry of Maât, in collaboration with The Center for Deep Listening, IONE and Heloise Gold will continue to mentor the Deep Listening Certificate Program, in coordination with the Center for Deep Listening at Rensselaer. The DL Certificate Program is a teaching system designed by Oliveros to produce more and more Deep Listening practitioners who can then teach DL classes, workshops and retreats of their own. In fact, the upcoming Ratna Ling retreat, sponsored by both the Ministry of Maât and the CDLR, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first Deep Listening Certificate Ceremony.

And IONE has something else up her sleeve. “I am planning to establish our home in Kingston as a residency location for artists and scholars who wish to study Pauline's and my work in the coming years.” Which sounds like a ton of fun.



Oliveros music and her scores are currently being performed and exhibited throughout the world. New incarnations are being planned of “The Nubian Word for Flowers; A Phantom Opera,” by Oliveros and IONE which premiered November 2017 at Roulette Intermedium in Brooklyn. Keep an eye out for this and other extraordinary events.

And don't forget you can always pop over to the new Deep Listening Plaza in honor of Pauline Oliveros at 615 Broadway and open your ears for a few minutes.

Sincerely,

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