

Rob Harrison

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The Soft Drink Suite 2023

Fish tank on tarpaulin. Concept sheet music. Audio manipulated through submersed amplification and hydrophobic microphones.

Raised in Devon and currently living and working in Falmouth, Cornwall, Rob Harrison has long associated his creative work with water and his exposure to it throughout childhood. The music heard in the instillation is a four-part piano suite written to represent four different drinks: orange juice, cola, apple + blackcurrant squash, and lemonade. Each drink reflects on a corresponding memory: experience and overcoming of anger management issues, caffeine highs and sugar rushes, learning to play the piano, and discovering creative freedom. The presentation of the piece through a fish tank is an attempt to tie together memories of childhood through the one consistency in Harrison's life: water.