

Dance trace Dance music

a new *bookscape* by Alec Finlay and Andrew Hodson

DtArNaCcEe DmAuNsGiEc is a new collaboration between Alec Finlay and Andrew Hodson - a field recording of the sounds of the dancers and dance classes performing on location at Dance City (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). The sounds were (re)composed into *DmAuNsGiEc* by Andrew Hodson. This CD booklet features Hodsons' bricolage, essays by Finlay and Hodson and an animated poem. The work also exists as a jukebox in Dance City.

'The contact between feet and the floor is the moment of the dance, the constant relationship of gravity, body and earth. The sound of soles and toes beating against or brushing the floor is something that the audience usually only experience as an undertone, concealed by the regular beat of music, as their attention is taken up by the spectacle, DtArNaCcEe is the sound of the dance: then the wheel turns and the recordings are (re)composed into music and returned to the dancers.'
(Alec Finlay)

The project was predicated on one rule: that the composition should be made from only the sounds of feet touching the floor, speeded up or slowed down, conveying the subtle vibration of the dance and mimicking the expression of the dancers. (Andrew Hodson)

DtArNaCcEe DmAuNsGiEc is the third in a series of *bookscaapes* - an innovative series of publications created by Alec Finlay and platform projects, exploring extended experiences of reading.



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