

Join the International Space Band Project - Portland & Prague

The *Space Band* is a developing group of artists and non-artists, musicians and non-musicians, assembled to perform found instruments called *lydes*. Like Tibetan bells, these instruments are capable of producing continuous ringing and mesmerizing tones. Unlike Tibetan bells, the lydes are mobile, inexpensive and produce a wide range of sound effects. When only a few are played together, the ringing and percussive sounds have the effect of *performing space*—that is, bringing out the unique acoustic and spatial characteristics of an area, whether indoors or out. A large collection of lydes has already been produced and a special notation invented. Both are easy to learn—*experience is not necessary!* Rehearsals will be fun and take place at *Still Moving Studios* in Beaverton just off highway 26.

The Space Band will prepare for a performance at a First Thursday Gallery Walk in downtown Portland. Eight unique downtown sites will be determined with a special sound work planned for each. Between these performance sites, the lydes will be played continuously as they ring through the canyons of Portland's downtown. A second project is scheduled to occur in Prague, The Czech Republic, later this year. Portland's Space Band Project is supported by a grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council. All ages are invited to participate.

If you are interested in joining the world's first Space Band, contact Dan Senn at (503) 466-0012 or space.band@mac.com

Rehearsals will take place conveniently at: Still Moving Studios, 990 NW 161st Terrace, Beaverton, 97006.

Learn more about the project, instruments, and notation at: www.newsense-intermedium.com/spaceband.html