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Garden of Unearthly Delights

If you hear one-liners emanating from the Winter Garden's palm trees, you needn't worry that you're losing your mind: Thank David Byrne—and Creative Time, the nonprofit arts powerhouse. Though the group has been kicked out of the Brooklyn Bridge Anchorage for security reasons, "we decided we weren't going to let that get us down," says Creative Time executive director Anne Pasternak. Following up the Tribute in Light, Pasternak wanted "to bring additional life back to the environment." Hence **Sonic Garden**, a vast sound installation to be unveiled on October 17 in the World Financial Center's Winter Garden (pictured). Byrne is wiring trees with recorded jokes from Catskills comedians; Marina Rosenfeld is using the sound of skipping stones; and Ben Rubin is tapping into recordings from the stock exchange. As for Laurie Anderson, she plans to turn the room into "a giant violin": "When I went to look at the space, I ran into my brother, and he said, 'Please don't do anything elegiac. We work here.' "

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