



Sound Garden Volunteer

Be part of the creation of a brand new, large-scale public artwork — help Caponi Art Park prepare for the 2026 Sound Garden.

What Is the Sound Garden?

The Sound Garden, created by composer and neuroartist JG Everest, is a soundscore that has been created for a specific outdoor site. He uses custom spatial speakers to create sounds that layer and co-exist with the sounds of nature.

Each speaker plays a different part of the musical composition, so every listener's experience will be different based on where they are and what other sounds are happening in nature. Community created poems, sculptures, and music are integrated into the piece to create a living natural sound score in the landscape.

Why Your Help Matters

In order to get the Sound Garden up and running, we need the support of volunteers to help with technical work and support the exhibition when it is operating.

Installing dozens of speakers across a wooded, uneven site takes real technical work. Helping visitors understand and connect with what they're experiencing takes people willing to talk about art with strangers.

That's where volunteers come in. Whether you're the kind of person who wants to get hands-on with real audio production gear, the kind who loves helping others fall in love with something new, or the kind who wants to help people make things, there's a Sound Garden role for you.

What You Will Do — Three Roles

There are three different volunteer opportunities available:

- Event Installation Technician — for the hands-on, technically curious. Help install and run the speaker system and support live event production.
- Exhibit Guide / Front of House — for the natural communicator. Walk the trails and help visitors understand and connect with what they're hearing.
- Workshop Assistant — for the teacher at heart. Help lead community members of all ages through a hands-on natural sculpture workshop.

No experience is necessary for any of these roles.

1. Role Detail: Event Installation Technician

This role is for anyone who wants hands-on experience with the technical side of a working art installation.

- Help install the distributed speaker system across the wooded site
- Support technical event production: sound checks, troubleshooting playback, coordinating setup and strike
- Work directly alongside the artist's technical team and learn how a site-specific spatial audio installation actually comes together
- Collaborate as part of a small, focused crew
- Spend time outdoors

2. Role Detail: Exhibit Guide / Front of House

This role is for someone who enjoys helping other people slow down and notice something they'd otherwise walk right past. Guides walk the trails during open hours, offering context to visitors making their way through the installation.

- Help visitors understand what they're hearing and why no two listening experiences are the same
- Share the story behind the piece — the artist, the technology, and the site's own ecological restoration
- Collaborate as part of a welcoming, low-key team
- Spend time outdoors in a genuinely immersive, melodic space

3. Role Detail: Workshop Assistant

This role is for anyone drawn to teaching, mentoring, or simply enjoys being creative alongside other people. Workshop assistants support the natural sculpture workshop, helping participants of all ages and skill levels create pieces that become part of the finished Sound Garden.

- Assist with tools and materials, with guidance from the lead teaching artist
- Help guide participants of all ages through the sculpture-making process
- Spend time outdoors in a hands-on creative space
- Gain real experience supporting teaching artists and arts education

Volunteer Timeline

Volunteer opportunities are available on the following dates:

- Event Installation Technician: Monday, Aug. 24 – Sunday, Aug. 30 (Daytimes)
- Exhibit Guide / Front of House: Fri, Sept. 11 (5–7 PM); Sat, Sept. 12 (Noon–4 PM); Sun, Sept. 13 (Noon–4 PM); Sat, Sept. 19 (Noon–4 PM); Sun, Sept. 20 (Noon–4 PM); Tue, Sept. 22 (5–7 PM); Thu, Sept. 24 (5:30–7:30 PM); Sat, Sept. 26 (Noon–4 PM)

- Workshop Assistant: Sat, Sept. 12 (10 AM–1 PM); Sat, Sept. 19 (10 AM–1 PM); Sat, Sept. 19 (2–4 PM)

How to Get Involved

Visit our website and fill out the volunteer sign-up form. In the “comments or questions” text box, specify that you would like to participate as a Sound Garden volunteer.

For further details, contact us by email or phone 651-454-9412.

We would love to work with you!