

# Do you hear the "Water"?

Presentation of *Water Spread—San Jose*

## Experimental Sound of Water and The City

**October 30, 2019**

Reception /  
5:30pm to 6:00pm

Talk + Performance /  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location /  
City Manager's Conference  
Room  
San Jose City Hall, 17th Floor,  
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose,  
CA 95113

Parking /  
City Hall Garage, 45 S 6th St.  
(Free parking with validation at the  
conference room)

The subtle evidence of civilization's space and time trajectory can be found from urban development around Gaudalupe River, Coyote Creek and History Park in San Jose.

San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility, Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and San Jose McEnery Convention Center represent some examples of service industry that manages the usage of resource and they demonstrate the evidence of changes in urban industries and civilized activities.

Ms. [Cia Hsinyuan Lee](#) came from Tainan, Taiwan to perceive the appearance of the city by visiting the above places and listening to their environment. Focusing on the microscopic aspect of the city, she meticulously collected the sound landscape of various water pipes, pools, underwater and wetlands and attempted to assemble and restore the ancient energy and new life of water that had been scattered everywhere.

During the evening of October 30th, you will hear the ensemble experimental music chapters that were composed from the soundscape of Tainan Science Park (of Taiwan) and the San Jose City.

### About Water Spread

*Water Spread: San Jose & Tainan—Dialog between Contemporary Art and Technology* is a cultural exchange project between San Jose and Tainan, Taiwan. This project investigates the hydrology in both cities, a theme regarding humanity and technology, and the significance of water supply to households and industries. San Jose and Tainan have been sister cities for more than 40 years, sharing experience and value in urban and industrial development. Through the exploration of contemporary art, artists are enriching the cultural bond between the two cities.

*Water Spread* would not have been made possible without the grant of 2019 Arts and Cultural Exchange Grants awarded by the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs. Endorsed by San Jose-Tainan Sister City Association, artists Ting Chaong-Wen and Cia Hsinyuna Lee won the award. Cia visited San Jose in October 2019 to complete the project.

