Soho Gamelan Walk, December 21st, 2011 Make Music NY Winter event in the cast-iron district

Hi, All, I'm Daniel Goode, composer and performer, resident of Soho. I'm at http://danielgoode.com/

Soho (and neighborhood) is one of the two areas in the U.S. which used pre-fabricated CAST IRON for industrial buildings built in the late 19th century—resembling the stone façades of the Italian Renaissance.

We'll walk a short loop over part of this map. Feel free to try drumming gently on the façades with your hands. It's fun to communicate using a rhythm on the same building, and on different buildings within earshot. Why "gamelan?" This is the generic name for metalophone and gong ensembles originating in Indonesia, and found in America and many other countries. I play in, and compose for Gamelan Son of Lion which rehearses in Soho. http://www.gamelan.org/sonoflion. When I first started "playing" the façades of Soho buildings, it reminded me of the sounds of the gamelan.

For this walk, we will be accompanied by a parade of five members of Gamelan Son of lion playing automobile hubcaps, music composed by myself. They are: Barbara Benary, David Demnitz, Jody Kruskal, Laura Liben, Kate Peoples.