Fall for found sound objects

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Program Notes:

Fall. Autumn. Objects and gravity. As well as more metaphorical descents. And when I ask myself what will bring about our extinction, cars and illness seem likely enough culprits. Fall is also a contrast of the natural (plants, rain, and illness) with the manufactured (recordings, speakers, and cars). It doesn't, however, seek to paint one as the negation of the other; we can manufacture beauty as readily as nature can irradicate it.

Performance Instructions:

A stand-alone performance installation or to be coordinated with other works from Kristian Twombly's *North Shore* project.

- 1. Collect discarded car parts.
- 2. Make recordings (sounds produced by or verbal descriptions of):
 - a. Rain
 - b. Illness
 - c. Seeds, leaves, branches, or any other plant-product that has fallen from a tree, bush, or shrub
- 3. Embed portable speakers, cell phones, and other playback devices inside the car parts.
- 4. Playback the collected sounds through the embedded speakers, varying density and intensity as necessary and/or desired.