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Dr. Michelle Hamilton,

The Hear, Here London Project has produced an extraordinary location-based installation that allows community members the ability to access through their mobile phones oral histories and community stories. These stories offer rich historical insights into the everyday landscape and built environment in SoHo, an ethnically diverse working-class community in London, Ontario. These stories feature first person accounts from Black Canadians, workers, immigrants, and other members of marginalized communities. They tell everyday stories of community life, schools, places of worship, markets, hospitals, and factories. The stories have concrete relevance to the places where they are accessed. Being present at the site where one listens to them gives new layers of meaning both to the oral history and the landscape and built environment where they are listened to. The ability to not only listen but to share stories, offers the project the ability to develop new histories that can be layered onto the sites that are already included in the project. This will facilitate new iterations of the project in the future.

Please find my full review attached.

Sincerely you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Kerr', written over a horizontal line.

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