

I use "mind maps" at the outset of a project, as a tool for organizing my research and thoughts. Here, I layered in images and text related to individuals, places, events. It was through the map I could see the depth of meaning and diversity here. Downtown Beta Main Museum (now defunct) exhibited the original map in their *Office Hours* exhibit.

This approach might be applied to areas in other cities and the resulting maps could serve as a virtual anchor for an online performance experience. For instance, if you click [here](#), you'll meet LA's patron Saint Vibiana, whose cathedral is at 2nd and Main; click [here](#), you'll hear about Leona, the small but fierce one-armed fighter who inspired Joe Lewis at the Main Street Gym.



YOVAAR
Tongva: precious place

PORCIUNCULA
Italian: little portion

TERRAIN
French: empty space
VAGUE

LITTLE TOKYO
TONGVA LAND

a mind map for a site-specific performance project in Downtown Los Angeles

Skid Row
CITY LIMIT
POP Too Many

