

DISTANCE FREQUENCIES

Chapter 4 -- January

WELCOME TO DISTANCE FREQUENCIES CHAPTER 4.

YOU PROBABLY KNOW THE DRILL BY NOW, BUT JUST IN CASE:
THIS IS A GENTLE REMINDER TO READ THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS HERE AND THEN STOP.
DON'T BREAK THE SILVER SEAL IN YOUR PACKAGE UNTIL YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION.

➡ **YOUR DESTINATION:** Georgetown, Beginning at Volta Place & Pomander Walk NW, Washington, DC
Pomander Walk is on the south side of Volta Place between 33rd & 34th Streets NW, a block and a half west of Wisconsin Ave.

GETTING THERE: There is street parking available on many of the streets in the area. Please read street signs carefully. Parking is limited so allow yourself plenty of time. Dupont Circle Metro Station on the Red line is 30 minute walk. The D2 bus is an easy connection from the north exit of Dupont and drops you off a block away from Pomander (33rd and Q)

HOURS: Georgetown is accessible anytime, but this is a residential area so please be considerate. Daylight hours are recommended.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: Your box (obviously), Comfortable walking shoes, a mobile phone with a map may be helpful but not essential.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE: There's a short staircase leading to Volta Park just across the street from Pomander Walk. Those stairs are a great spot to stop for a moment while you begin to explore the box. Start with the letter from 1900. (Those old presbyterian burying grounds he's talking about? They're right behind you...now known as Volta Park. Still more than 2000 bodies buried under the park they say.) After you read the letter, dive into THE TRANSOM WINDOW TO ANYWHERE story and then go visit Pomander Walk. After you look at Pomander walk, exit the alley, turn left on Volta and walk to 34th Street. Hang another left and walk a few blocks--4 to be exact--down 34th Street to Prospect Street. Have a good long look at 3400 Prospect Street and read the 1905 letter. When you're done, head west on Prospect street to 35th. Turn right and walk north up 35th Street. Just after you cross Volta Place, on the right you'll find the Volta Laboratory & Bureau. This is where you'll want to read the 1918 letter. When you finish, we encourage you to stay and explore the neighborhood. Read on for more ideas to extend your experience.

★ **WHAT DO YOU SEE?:** We encourage you to document the experience for yourself -- who knows what might be important later? -- and to share with us. You can send images directly to info@rorschachtheatre.com or tag us on social media (Instagram: @rorschachdc, facebook/rorschachtheatre, #distancefrequencies)

CHAPTER 4 CHALLENGE: Find a piece of glass that might transport you--metaphorically, literally or spiritually. Share the photo with us.

IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART) RORSCHACHER ALONG: As you cross P Street, point out the cobblestone and talk about what kind of vehicles might have traveled along that road since it was built. You might also have fun at the playground in Volta Park.

ACCESSIBILITY: For those who wish to explore the location, but prefer not to walk, each stop is fully accessible by car. If the area is inaccessible for anyone in your party, we encourage you to view the video in our “at home” section as well.

OTHER THINGS YOU MAY WISH TO EXPLORE:

These diversions (probably) don't pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

- Read more about this history of Volta Park (Google: Presbyterian Burying Grounds & Georgetown)
- Read more about the amazing history of Halcyon House, the most haunted building in DC. And yes - it really was owned by Mark Twain's nephew for a short time. (Look up Atlas Obscura's piece on Georgetown's Halcyon House)
- Grab a cup of coffee or a sweet treat at Saxby's (3500 O Street NW)
- Call Your Mother is a self-proclaimed jew-ish deli. Their bagels will blow your mind. Stop by before 3PM. (3428 O Street NW)
- Never had a chance to check out the Exorcist Stairs? They're just around the corner at 3535 Prospect Street.
- Did you know Helen Keller presided over the groundbreaking of the Volta Bureau when she was just 13 years old?



AT HOME EXPERIENCE: If you choose not to leave home right now, or you live far away, we recommend preparing your environment in some of the following ways: Find a quiet place where you might go to reflect. Look around your home for a piece of glass--perhaps it's a piece of art, or window looking out on the world or maybe a particular beautiful pitcher or vase. Take a long look at it and imagine what might be on the other size of the glass. What can't you see? Bring along a device with which you can access the internet. Break the seal inside the box. Begin by going to this page on our website: rorschachtheatre.com/df-home. Explore the items in the order described in the “**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE**” on the previous page. Pause the video when it gets to the three named locations.



DON'T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR* NOTES: Wear your mask. Leave six feet of distance between yourself and others you may encounter. Please respect the space and other visitors you encounter. Remember this is a residential area, so please be respectful of neighborhood. If you choose to drive between locations, please be thoughtful about not blocking traffic.

* “Don't move the refrigerator” is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean-- “This should be so obvious we don't think we have to say it...but we're saying it anyway.”