WHAT’S YOUR SOUND?

WHAT WILL YOU NEED?
- YOUR LISTENING EARS
- PAPER
- COLORED PENCILS/CRAYONS

What will you be doing?
By engaging with your surrounding environment, listen closely to the sounds in your area. Then, go inside the Lenfest Center for the Arts Building and up to the 6th floor Wallach Art Gallery. Spend some time looking at the Uptown Triennial exhibition and find your favorite artwork.

🌟 Use the prompts below to help guide you.
LET’S LISTEN CLOSELY TO THE SOUNDS AROUND YOU

You may want to…

LISTEN WITH YOUR EYES OPEN, THEN CLOSED.
How does your environment sound different when you close and open your eyes?

WHILE LISTENING OUTSIDE, MIMIC THE SOUNDS YOU HEAR IN THREE WAYS:

1. BODY PERCUSSION
   Use your body!

2. FOUND OBJECTS
   Rocks, sticks, your own cell phone, keys, etc

3. USING YOUR VOICE
   Get ready to sing!

Do you hear a train rumbling nearby?
How can you create that sound using your body?

Do you hear a car or bus driving ahead?
Try to find something nearby to help you create the sound you hear.

Do you hear music playing?
Try to hum along with the song using your voice.

What did you learn about the neighborhood by listening? Think about the sounds you hear every day in your neighborhood. What different types of sounds do you hear every day?

MOODS
What’s your favorite song? Why do you like it?
How do different sounds make you feel?

COLOR AND SOUNDS
What sounds would you use to describe the following colors:

Blue  Red  Yellow  Green

Discuss your colors and their sounds with a friend. Did they use similar sounds to describe their colors?
TRAVEL

Go inside the Lenfest Center for the Arts Building and up to the 6th floor Wallach Art Gallery.

SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING AT THE UPTOWN TRIENNIAL EXHIBITION AND FIND YOUR FAVORITE ARTWORK.

What does this artwork sound like to you? Write a description of how loud or quiet the artwork is to you. What instruments would your artwork use to make its sound?

Find an abstract artwork (that means the art doesn’t look like something you recognize, it could be squiggly lines, shapes, or just colors). What does this abstract artwork sound like to you?

WANT TO SHARE YOUR SOUNDS WITH US? TAG US #WALLACHKIDS

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Show us your drawings by posting them on Instagram or Facebook and using the tag #WallachKids for a chance to be featured on our Social Media channels!

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