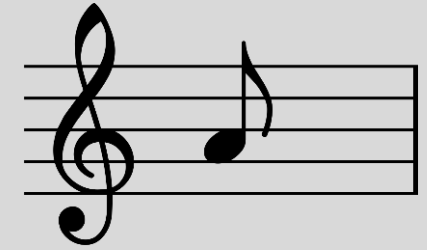




Sound Art



Art which uses sound both as its *medium* (what it is made out of) and as its *subject* (what it is about)

When you think about art, you usually think of something you look at. But did you know that you can also listen to art?



Is this Sound Art?



This is a sculpture which is made using a piano

Rebecca Horn
Concert for Anarchy 1990
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Is this Sound Art?



This is an instrument damaged during wartime. The sounds it makes when played are also Sound Art.

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Is this Sound Art?



This is a sculpture which makes noise as it moves.
What sort of noises could it make?

André Bicât 1906-1996

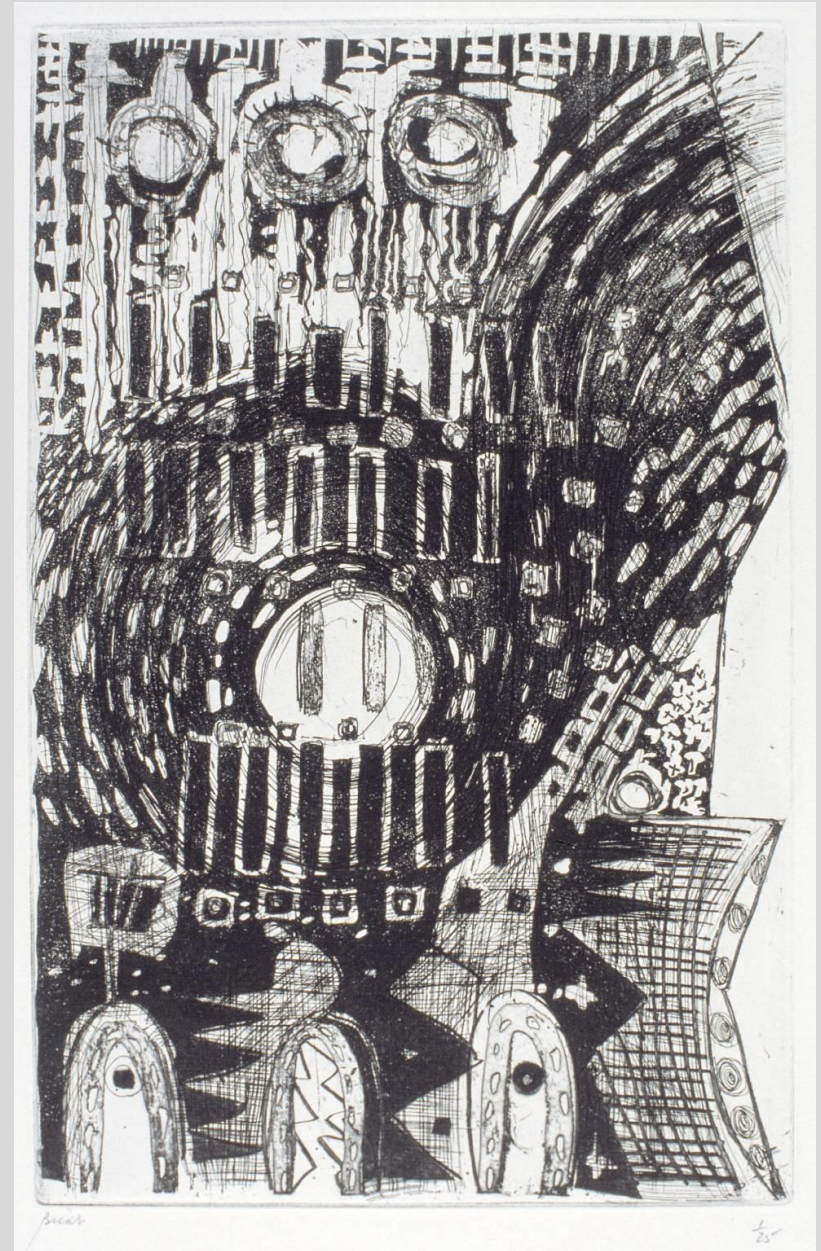
André Bicât was born in England in 1906.

His wife was a concert pianist and music was a big part of his life.

He was an artist who liked to listen to music while he made art.

In the 1960's he produced a series of pictures called Rhythms.

Listen to some of the music from Hungarian composer Bela Bartok. This is what André Bicât listened to in his artist studio.



Orchestration 1965

André Bichat

This is an artwork called *Percussion* by André Bichat.

Percussion instruments are ones where you make a sound by hitting them with your hand or a stick.

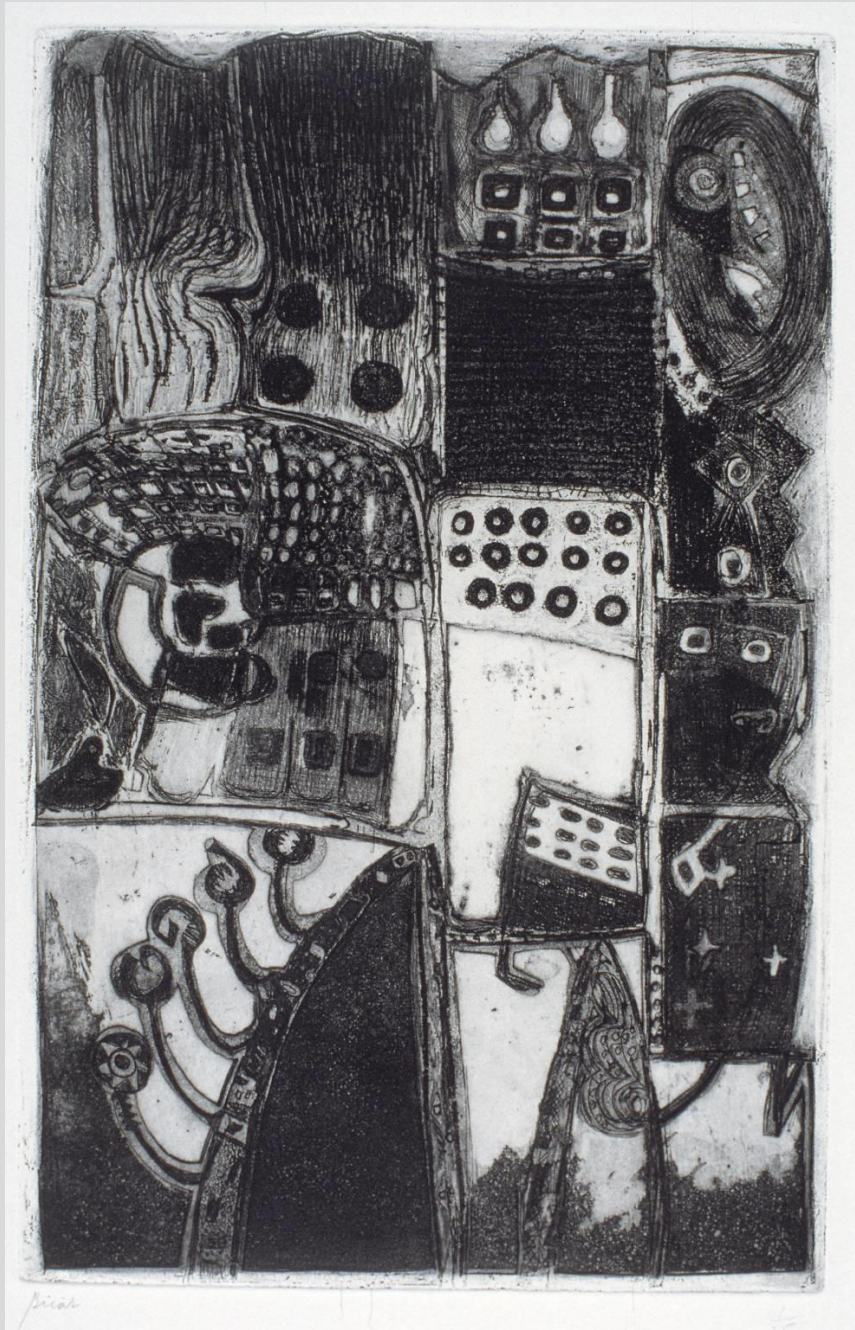
What about this work makes you think he might have been listening to beating drums while he made it?



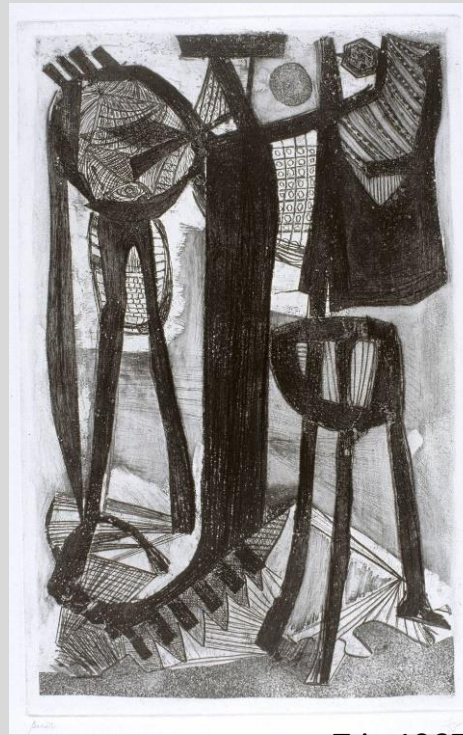
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Percussion 1965

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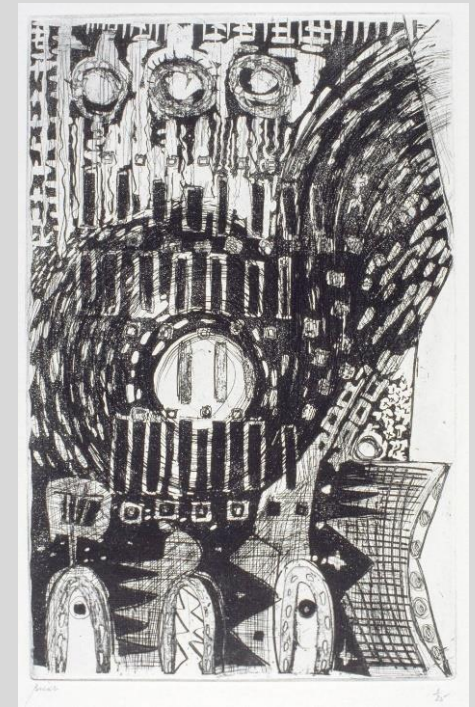
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Percussion 1965



Trio 1965



Orchestration 1965



Night Meeting 1965

How do you think the artist was feeling as he listened to the music and made these pictures?

What makes you think that?

Follow the link below to the Tate Gallery Activities Page.

Draw your own Sound Creature...

What is a sound creature?

We are going to listen to a sound and use it to inspire a drawing.

We have five different sounds to choose from.

Your challenge is to draw a creature inspired by the sound you hear.

What does it look like? Does it sound like a big or small creature? Is it real, imaginary, or a bit of both? Where does it live? Does it have a superpower?

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/make/art-technology/draw-sound-creature>

Don't worry if you are unable to access this link, just go outside and listen to all the sounds you can hear.

Can you hear car or engine noise?

Can you hear leaves or trees moving?

What other noises can you hear?

Your challenge is to draw a creature inspired by all the sounds you hear.
Think about...

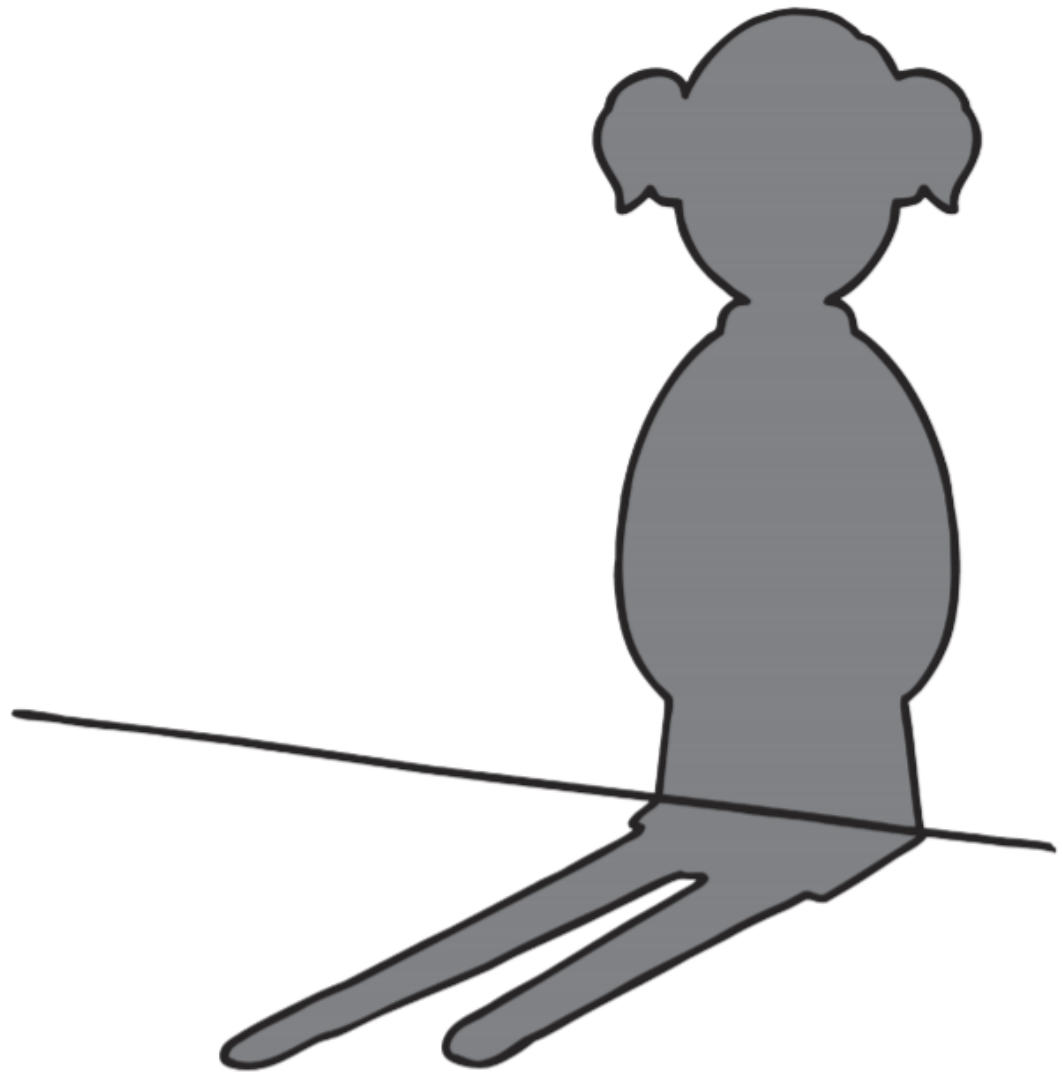
- What does it look like?
- Does it sound like a big or small creature?
- Is it real, imaginary, or a bit of both?
- Where does it live?
- Does it have a superpower?

Let's practice our sketching...

This picture shows a shadow of a person. Can you add the person as a pencil sketch.

Think about...

- What details can you add from the shadow outline
- Use light or heavy strokes
- Use a straight or angled pencil
- Use light pencil lines before deciding which will be the 'final' line



Sound Art

Can you produce some of your own Sound Art.

Decide what you will use to create your art.

Listen to some different styles of music as you draw or paint.

Compare some of your finished pieces of art.

- How did the music make you feel?
- Can you tell how you felt from your finished work?