

From the underground to the mainstream, music is in constant flux (changing). The exhibition title ***Too Fast To Sing*** shows the dizzying, quick speed at which music's systems and values are evolving. This exhibition brings together a constellation of artists deeply engaged with transformations (changes), documenting, archiving, riffing on, and building upon music's contemporary metamorphosis. Together, they explore how music permeates our emotional lives and daily environments, how technological advances and aesthetics shape its sound, how we gather around it, and how visual artists use music and sound as raw material in their practices.

Look around - see if you can find the following!

A sculpture shaped like an extra long horn - what is the name of the artist who created it?

An artwork with your favorite color or colors. What is your favorite color?

Which artist(s) in this exhibit use your favorite color or colors?

An installation with a television, video player...who created this?

Two large hanging jackets. What would it feel like to wear the jackets? Who could you imagine wearing these?

Contemporary Art: Art that is made in current times; it usually refers to artwork by living artists.

Installation Art: A large-scale, mixed-media artwork, often designed for a specific place for a temporary period of time.

Primary Colors: Blue, red, and yellow are primary colors. When combined they create secondary colors: purple, green, and orange. Blue + red = purple. Blue + yellow = green. Yellow + red = orange

Sculpture: Three-dimensional art made by carving, modelling, casting or constructing.

Site-specific: An installation artwork that is designed and constructed especially for a certain space or location.

Sound: Vibrations that travel through the air that are audible (can be heard). Frequencies such as low and high pitched tones and music can also be felt through the body.

Family Discovery Guide

Too Fast To Sing

Los Angeles
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A very large U-shaped sculpture like a tunnel, that is black on the outside and has purple and white lights and speakers inside. What is the name of the artist who created it?

Where do you see large transparent banners hanging from the ceiling? What designs and words do they show?

Doors taken out of the doorway - that are freestanding items - how many can you find?

A wall with many multicolored photographs with people dancing - what is the name of the artist who took these photographs?

Tiny machine sculptures in a small gallery. What is the name of the artist who created it? How would you describe the sound they are making?

A painting with the faces of the band, *The Beatles*. Can you name a *Beatles* song?

A blue sculpture with a yellow crack. What do you think the sculpture is saying?

A mannequin at a sewing machine. Look for the video of the artist sewing on the machine. What is the same or different from the video and the installation?

Use a pencil to do a small drawing of the artwork here:

Circle the words when you find artworks with these lines, shapes, colors and textures.

- Sounds:** Loud Quiet Music
- Size and scale:** Large Small
- Two-dimensional (flat) Three-dimensional (3-D)
- Everyday items:** Television Doors
- Musical instruments
- Colors:** Vibrant Bright Light Dark
- Multicolored Shiny Metallic
- Lines:** Curvy Straight Wavy Thick/heavy
- Thin/narrow Horizontal Vertical Diagonal
- Shapes:** Circles Squares Triangles
- Flowers Eyes Hands

Size and scale: Large Small

Two-dimensional (flat) Three-dimensional (3-D)

What other words can you write to describe the artworks you saw today?

Some things to think about

There are many different ways to use your imagination to create artwork. In this exhibit, the artists used many different materials to express ideas about music and sound.

What did you learn today about how visual art and music can be combined?

If you created an installation with sound, what shapes, colors, materials would you use?

What sounds or music would you include in your artwork/installation?

What story would you share in your artwork/ installation?

What title would you give your artwork?