

Presence

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Is a sound about perception or is it purely about physics?

"a disturbance of mechanical energy that propagates through matter as a wave. Sound is characterized by the properties of sound waves which are frequency, wavelength, period, amplitude and velocity or speed."

Why should sounds occur in a desert?

Music is being made in such a place where no one will listen

Only few people are engaged in the process of doing this music, but they too will not listen

A collaborative labor was unheard, ignored

What is not to be present?

Instructions:

gather agreeable people

go to a uninhabited desert

make musical instruments that can be activated with a very long length of string

each person should move away from the instruments walking in different directions, untying the string, maximizing dispersion

each person should go sufficiently far so you can't hear the instrument be played

each person would be holding a line that when pulled will trigger the instrument

Two distributions allowed:

