

- We are surrounded by all kinds of sounds just waiting to be made into music. We will explore the different characteristics of sounds made by everyday objects.

#### Found Sounds Activities

1. • How many different sounds can be produced by all the things made of wood in one room? Exclude musical instruments. If one or more instruments make similar sounds, choose the best and reject the others. (How will you decide which is the 'best'). When the investigation is complete there should be a range of contrasting sounds. Make a list of different ways these can be played. (individually, together, alternating, conversational, long patterns, short patterns etc.

- Five from the group comes together and improvises with the most interesting of the five sounds.

- Compose a piece. How do the sounds themselves suggest their uses?

- Invent a notation for this music(perhaps divide into groups). The symbols should be able to indicate the different ways in which each sound is to be played. (also include a sign of silence).

- The intentions should be absolutely clear to the performer. give the piece a name.

2. • Each member of the group finds one object that makes a single beautiful sound. (decide what beautiful means in this connection). How much does this have to do with familiarity, on the one hand, and surprise on the other? Listen to all the sounds and talk about how they can be grouped. Which go together and why? Experiment with different combinations of sounds and then create a piece of music which exploits the 'beautifulness' of the sounds.

3. • The day before, gather materials - wood, glass, metal, whatever - in order to invent and build new and unusual instruments. Be imaginative and forget that you have seen any instrument of any kind. Be sure that the instruments have a range of pitches and can be played in a variety of way and . Break off into groups and create short pieces to be played to the group. Avoid too many non-pitched percussive instruments.