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# BE HEAR NOW

A COMMUNITY SOUNDSCAPE MAPPING EXPERIENCE



## Olafur Eliasson's Great Salt Lake Sound Installation

> [Evenings from March 26 through April 4, 2026 in Memory Grove, Salt Lake City](#)



Wake the Great Salt Lake

### “Spatial Literacy = Shared Responsibility”

People who are especially good at hearing and appreciating the sounds of nature usually share a mix of sensory awareness, attention skills, and mindset. It's less about having “better ears” and more about how the brain listens. Here are the key qualities:

#### Active vs Passive Listening

Active Listening changes how creatures relate to their world. Most people only listen on a very basic “Passive” mode — but attentive listening is an easily developed SKILL.

Example: Try “Actively” listening to music — pick out individual instruments, tones, and changing rhythms.

Warning: as your skills improve you may find yourself unsatisfied by the music you usually enjoy. You may need to raise the bar! Nothing Is More Fun Than Learning.

## “Be Hear Now” Community Soundscape Mapping

> [Click on this link to anonymously share your listening experience](#)

### 1. SIT QUIETLY IN ONE PLACE

Choose a spot in your world – stay still for about 3–5 minutes

### 2. IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THE CENTER OF A CIRCLE

You are the center point of the soundscape.

### 3. NOTICE THE DIRECTION OF EACH SOUND

Bird to the left – Wind behind you – Water to the right

### 4. MARK SOUNDS ON THE MAP

Go to [Be Hear Now Community Soundscape Map](#)

Add words or images to express your experience.

### KEEP LISTENING DEEPER

At first you may hear only 3-4 sounds  
After a minute you may hear as many as 10-15 more layers of sound!

I can hear the wind making waves  
Gulls are in all directions

*It makes me feel peadeful and happy*

John Schaefer  
40.84°N, 111.98°W | 4,213 ft

