

The purpose of this piece is to question.

What is your favorite memory? What makes you happy? What is art? What is music?

Short answers were collected from individuals across the world, including the United States, the Netherlands, Estonia, Germany, Finland, South Korea, and France. Each answer was unique, yet each one had a common theme: We could not live without art, music, or our memories. Art is what makes us human.

The piece incorporates a film highlighting the answers given to the prompts, providing international insights as to what humanity truly is and celebrates. Samples were taken from the Hack the Bells website and were remixed into an abstract sound piece. The music may be considered more melancholy, while the film focuses on optimism and human nature. The combined pieces both contradict and compliment one another. Without happiness, we will not have grief (and vice versa). The project allows the audience to approach life and art from both perspectives and to question themselves.

What makes us human?