


# TIME *for* KIDS



Terje Isungset  
plays an ice  
trumpet.

## ICE MUSIC

**This musician makes  
instruments out of ice.**



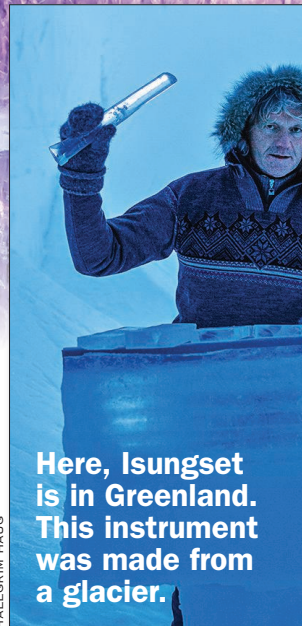
Terje Isungset plays at the Ice Music Festival Norway. Brrr!

# MUSICAL NATURE

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Instruments are made from local lakes. A saw he



Here, Isungset is in Greenland. This instrument was made from a glacier.

HALLGRIM HAUG

Do you play an instrument? Have you ever made one? Terje Isungset can answer yes to both questions. He's a drummer. And he makes instruments out of something pretty cool. Ice!

It's not just any ice. "You can buy perfect ice from factories around the world. But it will not have any sound," Isungset told TIME for Kids. He gets all of his ice from nature. "It's nature that decides the sound of

the instrument," he says.

Isungset got the idea for ice music more than 20 years ago. "I was asked to do a concert in a frozen waterfall," he says. This gave him the idea to play instruments that were actually made out of ice.

As far as he could tell, this hadn't been done before. "There were no books to read about it—nothing on the Internet," he says. "So I had to create everything by myself."

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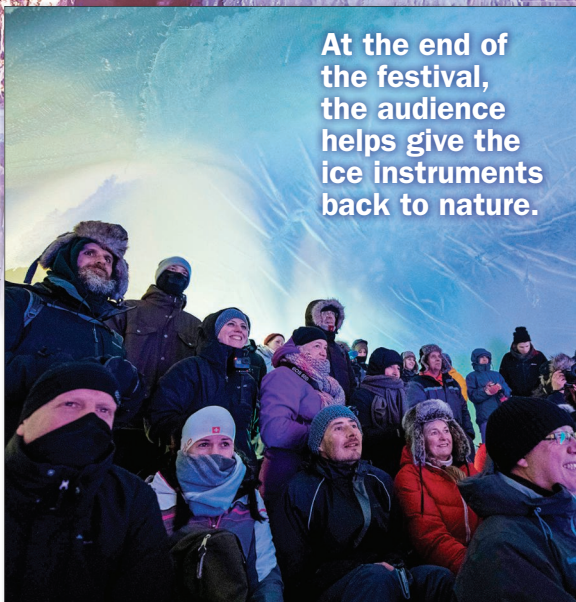




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Musicians will play inside this concert space. It's made of ice and snow.



At the end of the festival, the audience helps give the ice instruments back to nature.

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## PLAY IT COOL

Pretend it's very cold. Picture yourself playing an ice horn. Would your lips stick to it?

"Many people ask that question," Isungset says. "If the horn was made out of metal, they would get stuck completely." His solution? Use a small piece of leather. Place it on the horn's mouthpiece. "It's the only part of my instrument that is not made of ice."

TAKASHI NAGASAWA

In 2006, Isungset helped start the Ice Music Festival Norway, in Europe. It is held in February.

## Creating a Concert

Almost everything at the Ice Music Festival is frozen. "As you can imagine, there are a lot of **logistics** involved in doing an ice concert," Isungset says. "We come to a place, we harvest the ice, and we build the **venue** out of snow and ice."

Instruments include ice chimes and horns (see "Play It Cool"). Others are made-up. "For the festival, I have a goal of trying to invent a new instrument every year," Isungset says.

What happens when the show is over? "We give everything back to nature."  
—By Jaime Joyce

### Power Words

**logistics** *noun*: the details that go into making something happen

**venue** *noun*: a place where something happens





# RECYCLED INSTRUMENTS

Music of Recycling is an orchestra in Spain. It's made up of about 25 young people. They play instruments made from recycled materials, such as soda cans and plastic barrels. The orchestra has two goals. One is to give new life to things people throw away. The other is to help kids who might not have other opportunities to learn music.

Meet Fernando Solar. He's the orchestra's luthier. That's a person who makes stringed instruments, such as guitars and violins. Solar is holding a **DOUBLE BASS**. Can you tell what he made it from?



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Check out this **BASS GUITAR**. The body is made out of an old skateboard. Look at the instrument's neck. That's the long, narrow part. Does it look new or recycled? How can you tell? The guitar is played by Victor Gil. He leads the Music of Recycling orchestra.

These **VIOLIN** players are rehearsing. Have you ever seen a violin like the one on the left? The strings seem to be held in place by a fork. The musician on the right is playing a regular violin. Do you think the two instruments sound the same? Which would you like to play?



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