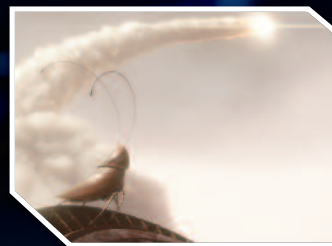
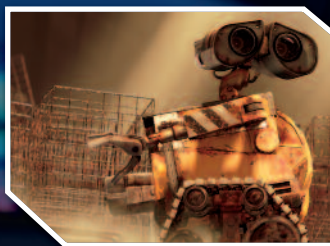
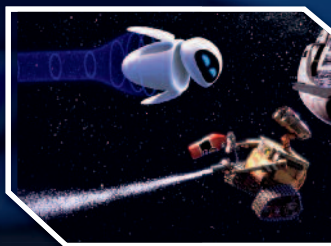


# HOW DID THEY MAKE THAT SOUND?



## Behind the Scenes

When you watch the movie *WALL•E* you may wonder how the filmmakers made it. How did they create such realistic characters and settings? A very important part of making it seem real was creating sounds to go with the images. Here are some fun facts you never knew about the 'sounds' of *WALL•E*.



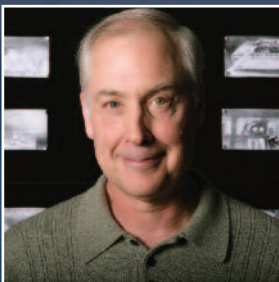
**WALL•E rattles along alone on Earth looking for garbage to pick up. Did you hear the whirring sound he makes?**

Academy Award® winning Sound Designer Ben Burtt was sitting at home one day wondering what kind of sound WALL•E would create.

Ben happened to be watching an old cowboy movie. A character in the movie was cranking an old power generator and a big smile came over Ben's face. The cranking of the generator, he thought, was the perfect sound for WALL•E!

**What is that cool sound that EVE makes as she flies about?**

Ben had a lot of fun recording that. He found a friend who owned a three-meter long radio controlled airplane. As the plane flew over his head, Ben was running underneath with a tape recorder recording the whirring sound so he could capture the perfect sound for EVE.



Legendary Sound Designer, Ben Burtt.

**How did they make the sound for WALL•E's little cockroach friend?**

Don't take for granted the clicking and clacking sound he makes. Ben had a pair of metal handcuffs and recorded the sound they make opening and closing. It's the perfect sound for a cockroach!

**Do you remember how scary the sand storm was in *WALL•E*?**

Ben had to get extra creative to make the sound for that. He ran down a hallway carrying a big heavy canvas bag. The noise it made was used for the sand storm. Not very scary when you think about it, but when you hear it in the movie it's perfect!

**Does the sound of crashing shopping carts sound authentic?**

Well, that's because Ben took his 10-year-old daughter to a supermarket one day and put a tape recorder in the cart. They then smashed the carts into walls! The sound they recorded was used in that very scene in the movie.

**Here are some more fun sound facts you may not know:**

- There were 2,400 sound files created for *WALL•E*!
- WALL•E's compacting noise is the recording of a car being crushed at a dump.
- M-O's cleaning noise is a recording of Ben's electric shaver.
- WALL•E's voice is created by running Ben Burtt's voice through a computer. With the aid of the computer, Ben is able to make WALL•E's voice do things a human voice never could.
- The wind on Earth is comprised of recordings of Niagara Falls.

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