



## Ben Burtt, a musician's perspective on sound effects

The case of starships in *Star Wars*

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Abstract: Ben Burtt is a pioneer in the search for inventive and unheard sound effects in American blockbusters. Focusing on the sound design of *Star Wars* spaceships, this article aims to show how the creative process of Burtt and his team contributes to a musicalization of sound effects and invites the audience to another listening. It will also question in what ways, by his singular treatment, Burtt confers particular meanings on sound effects.

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