

# Steve Reich's Clapping Music: A new app!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhhvgdQs\\_h4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhhvgdQs_h4)

[UCan Play](#) has recently been involved in a project with NYMAZ researching the delivery of instrumental music lessons online using Roland's VR-3EX audio and video mixer and streamer. This work has been funded through NESTA's Digital R&D Fund for the Arts.

One of the other projects also funded by this fund is [Steve Reich's Clapping Music](#), a game-based app for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad inspired by – you guessed it – Steve Reich's *Clapping Music*. His piece has inspired all sorts of people from the famous percussionist Evelyn Glennie to David Bowie. The app also includes lots of additional content about Steve Reich and minimalist music, and unique recordings from the London Sinfonietta, including another piece by Reich, *Electric Counterpoint*.

The game has been developed by a team from three organisations – The London Sinfonietta, Touchpress, and Queen Mary University of London. It will be free for anyone to download from iTunes from late June 2015. You don't need to be a musician to play, in fact the developers would love as many people as possible to download it and get tapping and clapping! You can find out more about the app [here](#) and the associated research project [here](#).

The developers has asked us to help raise awareness of this new app. They would like you to play the game and complete three online surveys during the period from app launch to August 7th 2015; one before you download the app, another after playing for a little while, then another two weeks later. The surveys include questions about your musical

experience, age and music listening habits and preferences. They will download your playing data from the game and look at this as well. As a thank you, they will draw 10 people at random from the participants who have completed and submitted all three surveys and enter them into a draw to enter one of 10 Amazon £50 gift cards.

Ready to sign up now? Send an email with the subject line 'Sign me up to the research focus group' to [clappingmusicresearch@gmail.com](mailto:clappingmusicresearch@gmail.com).