

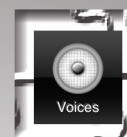
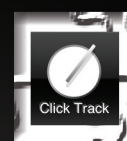
App Analysis!



Practice Music App

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Applications, or 'apps' as they are more commonly known, are rapidly being developed and produced to 'assist' us in all aspects of our life, and early music is no exception. In each issue of *Musica Antiqua*, we take a closer look at some of the music related apps. Often, the apps come with no real instruction guide, so we aim to provide a basic user guide, along with our own thoughts on whether we think the app is worth downloading. For part III we will analysis the app 'Practice Music'. The PracticeMusic iPhone app is a companion to PracticeMusic.com. With it, you can time your practice sessions and choose to record individual lesson tasks that you can share with your teacher or other users. The iPhone app works for iPhone and iPod Touch with iOS 4.3 and higher.



Our experience of this app:

On opening this app we are given the choice to sign in as a student or a teacher. As we are curious to know what advice they will be giving to each party, and how it will differ, we will be trying out both!

To sign in, you have to give a 'screen name', and your email address. Having to give your email address seems unnecessary and I am already wondering what junk email I will be receiving as a consequence of having had to do this.

Next step, we have to give our gender and birthdate. Although I question the necessity of whether they really need to know this, or if this programme really is so sophisticated that it is going to tailor a programme to our age and gender, I reluctantly enter my birthdate.

For the purpose of this app analysis I was age 38, and male.

At this point, the App crashed and shut. After opening the app back up, we are told this was to be expected if 'Auto-Lock' has not been turned off in Settings-General. The voice of skepticism has entered my head again ... why should this be necessary?

We went through the process again, only to find it crashed and burned again.

After multiple attempts to sign-up and/or log in, we gave up ... clearly an app with a few teething issues, we would not recommend you waste your precious time!!