

### Child's Informed Assent Form

I would like you to help me with a research study. I am going to tell you about my research study so you can decide if you want to help me or not help me with this study. It is OK for you to ask me questions while I'm explaining my study to you. I would like you to help me because I know you are a person who likes to listen to music.

I would like to know if people listen to music differently if they do other musical things, like sing or play instruments. Helping me with this study will take about 10-15 minutes of your time. If you would like to help me, I will need to ask you some questions about the kinds of musical things you like to do. Your mom/dad/guardian can write your answers down for you if you like. Then I would like us to listen to one of your favorite recordings of music, and you can tell me about it. After that, I'll play you a recording of a different piece of music, and you can tell me about that one, too. While we are talking and listening to the music, I will be videotaping our time together so I can remember it right later on when I do the homework for my study.

I promise not to be rude or trick you in any way when we are talking. You might be asked to listen to some music that isn't your favorite kind of music.

You should have a nice time when we talk about music together. The things I will learn from talking to you will help music teachers like me to be better teachers.

No one is making you talk to me, and you don't have to if you don't want to. If you don't want to share your music and talk to me about it, we can still be friends. If you decide later that you don't want to be part of my research study, you and your parent/guardian can tell me that by calling, emailing, or writing to me, and I will put the videotape of our talk in the garbage and not include you in my study. If you do want to be in my study, nobody will know who you really are, and I won't tell anybody. You can pick a pretend name to use, or I will pick one for you if you want. I am talking about music with a lot of different people, and our talk together will just be a little part of the big research study. When I finish my research study, I might talk about what I learned with other people, or write it down so other people can read it, but I will always use your pretend name as your secret identity.

If you would like to help me in my study, please put your name on the bottom of this sheet. I have a copy of this form to give to you to keep, as well as one for your parent/guardian to keep. If you don't want to help me in my study, do not sign this sheet.

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This project has been approved by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (Phone: 724/357-7730).

**PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTARY ASSENT FORM:**

My child understands the information on the form and assents to volunteer to be a subject in this study. I am in agreement that my child may participate in the study. I understand that my child's responses are completely confidential and that I have the right to withdraw my child from the study at any time. I have received an unsigned copy of this informed Assent Form to keep in my possession.

Child's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Parent's/Guardian's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Phone number or location where you can be reached

Best days and times to reach you

I certify that I have explained to the above individual the nature and purpose, the potential benefits, and possible risks associated with participating in this research study, have answered any questions that have been raised, and have witnessed the above signatures.

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Date

Investigator's Signature