

Participant Informed Consent

Purpose of study: You have been invited to take part in a research study to learn more about the effects of music on mood and memory. The results from this study may add to our knowledge of positive and negative effects that music may have on mood, memory, and possibly ways to improve the well-being of individuals in the future. This study has been approved by the Claremont McKenna College Institutional Review Board (IRB).

This research study will be conducted by *Freda Peng Feng*, as part of her senior thesis, a graduation requirement of Claremont McKenna College. Her faculty advisor is Diane F. Halpern, a Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychology at Claremont McKenna College.

Procedure description: You will be asked to complete a series of mood surveys, listen to music on head phones provided by the principle investigator, and participate in a word recall task. You will also be completing a demographics questionnaire. Participation in this study will take between 30 – 45 minutes.

Risks & Benefits: There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Participation in this study is voluntary. If you have registered for this experiment on the Sonasystem, you will be given **1.0 credit** toward your psychology experiment participation. You may refuse to participate, skip any question or withdraw at any time without penalty.

Confidentiality: The confidentiality of your responses will be strictly maintained through a participant coding system and individual participants will not be identified. Your identity will remain known only to the experimenter and not in any way associated with your responses. If any recordings or tapes will be used in this study, all recordings or tapes will remain anonymous and will be kept in a locked cabinet available only to the principle investigator and faculty advisor. These recordings will be destroyed no later than five years after the study is complete.

If you have any additional questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the researcher at 808-358-5251; ffeng09@cmc.edu, or at the address: Box #403 – CMC Story House, 742 N. Amherst Ave. Claremont, CA 91711. The faculty supervisor, Diane Halpern, may be contacted at 909-607-9647, or by email: diane.halpern@claremontmckenna.edu. The Chair of the Institutional Review Board, Michael O'Neill, may also be contacted at 909-607-8336, or by email: moneill@cmc.edu.

The researcher has explained this study to me and answered my questions. My signature indicates that I am at least 18 years of age and have read and understood all of the above, including the risks and benefits of the research.

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____

Experimenter signature: _____ Date: _____