

Instructions on How to Play the In C App:

What do you see:

After opening the In C application's website or starting the application on your smartphone or tablet, the program's playing field will appear. There are not too many buttons, but there are a few that need explaining.

Instrument

- This drop down menu gives you the choice of 31 instruments. You may stick with 1 instrument for the entire duration of the piece or switch as often or infrequently as you so choose. Please note that your instrument will not change until you advance to the next phrase. (More on that below.)



- This line, starting with 0 and ending with 53 indicates not only your location in the performance, but also the location of all your fellow In C players. Your personal location will be indicated by a green stripe.



- These push buttons allow you to perform 3 actions. The left, or Stop button, will force your instrument to halt once it has finished the current phrase. The right, or Play button has 2 functions. If you, as a player, have not yet joined the performance, or are taking a break, you can use this button to start playing (again). If you are currently playing a phrase, use this button to advance to the next phrase.



- The composer's instructions for this piece allow each performer to select the octave in which he or she would like to perform each phrase. You may even change octaves within the same repetition of a phrase! Use the left button to lower the phrase one octave and the right to raise it.

What are your choices:

1. Instrument: Via the drop down menu, you can choose between 31 different instruments.
2. Timing: You may decide when you would like your selected instrument to start and stop playing. Simply use the Stop and Play buttons on the lower left hand side of your screen.
3. Advancement: You may choose when your instrument advances to the next phrase. Use the Play button to advance.
4. Octave: Within a range of 5 octaves, you may decide to either have your instrument sound higher or lower.

When to advance:

There is no real way to measure when you should advance to the next phrase. You, and your fellow players, are in control. You decide how each performance should sound.

That said, there are some limitations. The composer has indicated that the performers should remain within 5 phrases from each other. Our application will warn you when you are either advancing too quickly or too slowly. Watch for helpful hints just to the right of the Play button.

What are the other players doing:

There are 2 ways to discover what your fellow players are doing.

1. For each player, there will be a vertical line placed perpendicularly to and crossing the long horizontal line in the middle of your screen. Hover above these intersections and you will see which phrase each performer is playing at that very moment.
2. Or, you may utilize the chat box and simply ask.

What's my next phrase (or any other phrase):

By using the same technique as described above, hover above your own vertical stripe (usually green) and then move slightly to the right. The next phrase will then appear. By slowly moving along the entire horizontal line, you can see all 53 phrases.