You are being asked to participate in a research study. We are Drexel University’s Music and Entertainment Technology Lab (or MET-Lab for short). Our research study is called “Evaluating the Impact of Music Video Games on Musical Skill Development.” For this project, we’ll be hosting game-play sessions where you will be allowed to play video games like Guitar Hero 3 and Rock Band 2. We will make arrangements with your parents to set up a regular time so you can come play once a week. During this weekly session, you will be allowed to play video games alone and in groups. We’ll keep track of your scores and progress. The study will have various sessions available scheduled within a six-month calendar from January 8th through July 27th, 2009.

In addition to the playing games, you will also need to arrange to come into the lab and complete some music listening activities and some basic music tests. These activities are just for us to keep track of your personal understanding of music. Some of these activities will involve making audio (but not video) recordings of your responses. Don’t worry about doing well or not doing well on them; your performance in these activities will not affect any part of your gaming activities, and your score will be kept confidential with us, the researchers.

All information and arrangements of your participation in this study will stay confidential between you, your parents, and us. None of your scores or information will be shared with anyone outside this project. If you ever feel uncomfortable or at risk during any part of the study, you must report this to a responsible adult, and you should not report to the people that make you uncomfortable.

Ultimately, we want everyone to have a good time playing these exciting games in a safe and comfortable environment. In addition to keeping track of your game-play scores and musical understanding, we will be holding a small competition, with the chance to win prizes (such as an iPod digital music player, or musical downloads). If you don’t wish to play competitively, you don’t have to. We’re excited to have your help and participation in our study to make music video games more fun. Please sign the “Child’s Assent” agreement below and submit this form with your application.

Child's Assent: I have been told about the study and know why it is being done and what to do. I also know that I do not have to do it if I do not want to. If I have questions, I can ask Dr Youngmoo Kim or Mr. Patrick Richardson. I can stop at any time.

My parents/guardians know that I am being asked to be in this study.

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Child's Signature

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Date

List of Individuals Authorized to Obtain Assent

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