

CalmSet: A Therapeutic Music Dataset for Children with Autism

Supplemental Materials

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Screen Out Survey

Introduction Block

Music Classification

Welcome! Thank you for participating in this survey. We are going to ask you a few simple questions that will help us design future HITs.

Demographics Block

Q3. Do you have any formal training in music or psychology? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Music performance or composition (1)
 - ☐ Music Therapy (2)
 - ☐ Psychology or Neuroscience (3)
 - ☐ Music Education (4)
 - ☐ No formal training, but I have experience in: (5) _____
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Q4. How often do you listen to music?

- ☐ Rarely (1)
 - ☐ A few times a week (2)
 - ☐ Daily (3)
 - ☐ Multiple times per day (4)
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Q5. Do you play a musical instrument?

- ☐ No (1)
- ☐ Yes (2)

Domain Knowledge Block

Q6. Which of the following musical elements are commonly associated with expressing emotions in music? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Tempo (1)
 - ☐ Key (Major/Minor) (2)
 - ☐ Harmonic Complexity (3)
 - ☐ Lyrics (4)
 - ☐ None of the above (5)
 - ☐ I don't know (6)
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Q7. Which musical feature is most commonly associated with a “sad” emotion?

- ☐ Slow tempo and minor key (1)
 - ☐ Fast tempo and major key (2)
 - ☐ High pitch with rapid rhythm (3)
 - ☐ None of the above (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q8. A song that is highly energetic with an upbeat tempo is most likely to evoke which emotion?

- ☐ Joy (1)
 - ☐ Sadness (2)
 - ☐ Fear (3)
 - ☐ Calmness (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q9. What role does music play in therapy for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Enhancing emotional expression (1)
 - ☐ Improving communication skills (2)
 - ☐ Stimulating cognitive functions (3)
 - ☐ No known role in therapy (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q10. Which of the following sound characteristics might be soothing for relaxation in a therapy session? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Slow tempo (1)
 - ☐ High-pitched, fast rhythms (2)
 - ☐ Soft dynamics (3)
 - ☐ Harsh, dissonant tones (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Attention Check Block

Q11. What color is the sky on a clear day?

- ☐ Green (1)
 - ☐ Blue (2)
 - ☐ Red (3)
 - ☐ Yellow (4)
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Q12. Please select the third option below.

- ☐ First (1)
 - ☐ Second (2)
 - ☐ Third (3)
 - ☐ Fourth (4)
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Music–Emotion Classification Task (Without Audio)

Q14. A piece of music with a slow tempo, played softly on a piano, featuring a minor key melody and gradual dynamic changes. What emotion does this best represent?

- ☐ Happy (1)
 - ☐ Sad (2)
 - ☐ Angry (3)
 - ☐ Calm (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q15. A fast-paced song with a driving rhythm, major key harmonies, and bright brass instruments playing an energetic melody. What emotion does this best represent?

- ☐ Joy (1)
 - ☐ Fear (2)
 - ☐ Excitement (3)
 - ☐ Melancholy (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q16. A piece of music with deep bass tones, irregular rhythms, high-pitched dissonant violins, and an unpredictable tempo. What emotion does this best represent?

- ☐ Happy (1)
 - ☐ Fear (2)
 - ☐ Calm (3)
 - ☐ Sad (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Q17. A soft ambient soundscape with gentle strings, long sustained notes, and slow harmonic progressions. What emotion does this best represent?

- ☐ Angry (1)
 - ☐ Joy (2)
 - ☐ Calm (3)
 - ☐ Sad (4)
 - ☐ I don't know (5)
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Experience & Feedback Block

Q18. Did you find the emotional classification task difficult?

- ☐ Very easy (1)
 - ☐ Somewhat easy (2)
 - ☐ Neutral (3)
 - ☐ Somewhat difficult (4)
 - ☐ Very difficult (5)
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Q19. How confident are you in your ability to classify music by emotional content?

1 = Not confident at all

5 = Very confident

(Scale: 1–5 Likert slider)