

COMMANDMENT #1



This is *not* a concert.
This is a *jam*.



The world's longest concert record stands at over 400 hours and is in no danger of being broken here. **The world's longest jam record is 57 hours and we're going for 60.** While the world's longest *concert* allowed for 5 minutes between bands and 30 seconds between songs, the world's longest *jam* record allows for no such breaks. Which means:

COMMANDMENT #2

The music never stops. *At all.*

No, not to change musicians. Not to make announcements. Not to tune a guitar. Not even "just for five seconds to regroup." **The challenge is to create, essentially, one continuous, unbroken, largely improvised, 60-hour long single piece of music.** If anyone notices a single second has passed without sound, they must play something *immediately* or risk being blamed for breaking the world-record attempt. Now, if you wish to mix in original songs or copyright-free melodies into this single unbroken song, feel free, but keep in mind:

COMMANDMENT #3

The stage must have 3+ musicians at all times, and you *will* be playing with strangers.

Even if you signed up as a band or group, it is extremely likely you will share the stage with someone you have never performed with. And that's okay. In fact, *that's the best part of a jam.* **But this means you need to communicate** (especially if you're attempting to fold in an existing tune with chord and rhythm changes your on-stage companions won't know.) Remember, you **can't stop playing** to explain these thoughts. You need to be creative. Feel free to shout out "going to G Major in 3-2-1" or "watch me for the changes." And yes, there will be mistakes. There will be train wrecks. There will be moments you wished hadn't been live-streamed. *That's what makes this event so unique.* **The Longest Jam is a love letter to the creativity, endurance, and versatility of Michigan musicians.** Be open-minded, respectful of your fellow jammers, and above all, have fun up there.

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