

Playing Music

This is a description of how to use Audion 3 and iTunes to play music on the iBook. They work in similar ways. We've been using Audion, but iTunes is more stable.

After the computer is turned on, you may or may not see the "dock", a rectangle filled with icons at the bottom of the screen. You don't need to do anything with it, but you will probably want to hide it when you are playing music, but you may want to show it at other times. (It has icons for programs that you might want to use, such as Audion 2 and iTunes.) To toggle the dock, hold down the option and command keys (in the lower left corner: option says "option" and command has an open and cloverleaf icon) and press d.

Using Audion

To start Audion, you can either double click on the Audion 3 icon in the lower left corner of the screen or single click (a double click won't hurt) on the Audion 3 icon in the dock.

It is configured so that it will automatically open the "Tuesday Playlist". If you don't see the Tuesday Playlist, you can click on the Tuesday Playlist in the dock.

If you have added anything to the Tuesday Night Revival Music folder, you should click on the icon in the upper left-hand corner with a circular arrow; this "refreshes" the playlist so that it shows what is in the folder. If the dance names are not in alphabetical order, click on "Title". (It can't hurt to do this, but it may not be necessary.)

Next, type command-N (or select New Playlist from the File menu). This creates a new window for the program called "Untitled Playlist 2". Drag this window to a convenient location. Make sure that the "#" column (rather than "Title") is highlighted in the Untitled Playlist. Create the program by dragging files from the Tuesday Playlist window to the Untitled Playlist window. It is best to drag the little rectangle icons to the left of the names rather than dragging the names. (Clicking on the names allows the possibility of inadvertently changing the name.) To start a dance, double click on its name in the Untitled Playlist window. You can save the Untitled Playlist (and give it a name) by selecting Save from the File menu or typing command-S.

To change the speed of a dance, type command-' (the apostrophe, just to the left of the return key) or from the Tools menu select Console -> Effects. Then click on Speed. Click in the Enabled box and adjust the speed. It's a good idea to disable the speed effect when you're finished.

Using iTunes

To start iTunes, click on the iTunes icon in the dock. A window will appear containing a list of the dance repertoire. In the left column, headed source, is a list of playlists. The first one is called "Library". It may be the only one. To create a new playlist for the program, type command-N. An untitled playlist will appear in the left column. To create a new window for this playlist, double-click on the note icon to the left of the words "untitled playlist". Running the program is very similar to the way Audion works. There

is one difference that's worth noting. To the left of the eye icon is a little window labeled search. If you type something here, iTunes will show only the dance names containing this text, but the text need not be at the beginning of the word. (For example, typing "batut" shows Alunelul Batut and Batuta.) Clicking on the x in the search window brings back everything. (Audion has a very similar feature, but without the x, so you have to delete the letters in the window if you use it, which is less convenient.)

Panic Buttons

If the application you are using (Audion or iTunes) crashes, type option-command escape. (Hold down the option and command keys, and press the escape button in the upper left corner.) This will bring up a window labeled "Force Quit Applications". Select the application you want to quit and click on Force Quit. Afterwards, select the Force Quit Applications window and click on the red button in the upper left to close the window, and restart the application. If the computer crashes (this is less likely with OS X, but possible), hold down the command and control keys and press the power on button in the upper right, and the computer will restart.

Adding Music to the Collection

To an mp3 file to the collection, click on the folder called "Tuesday Night Revival". This will open the folder containing the music collection. Put the file in there. If using Audion, the next time you open Audion, click on the "Refresh linked playlist" button (with a circular arrow) in the upper left corner of the Tuesday Playlist window. If using iTunes, drag the mp3 to the Library window.