



Clarion

Play it your way

User Manual



Follow this quick guide to get started on the Clarion[®] accessible instrument, and discover some key features.

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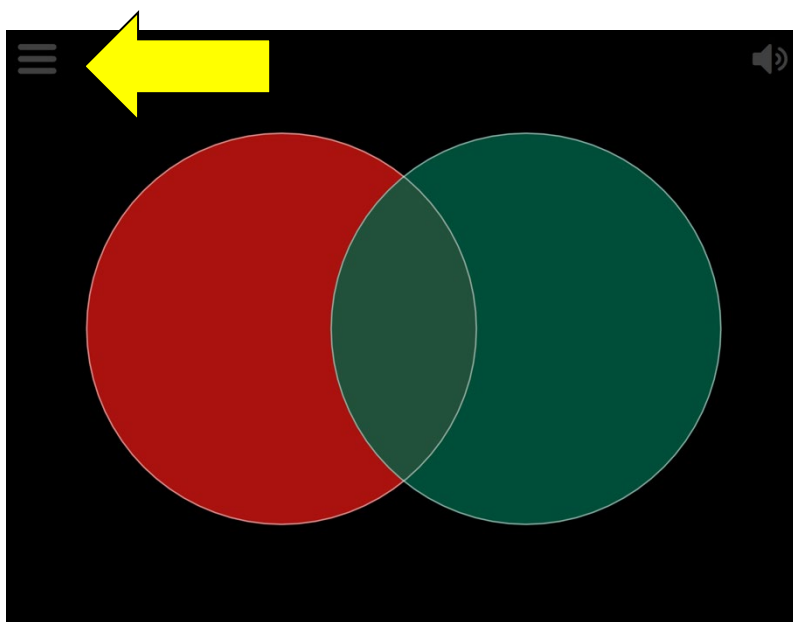
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Signing in to Clarion Education or Open Orchestras

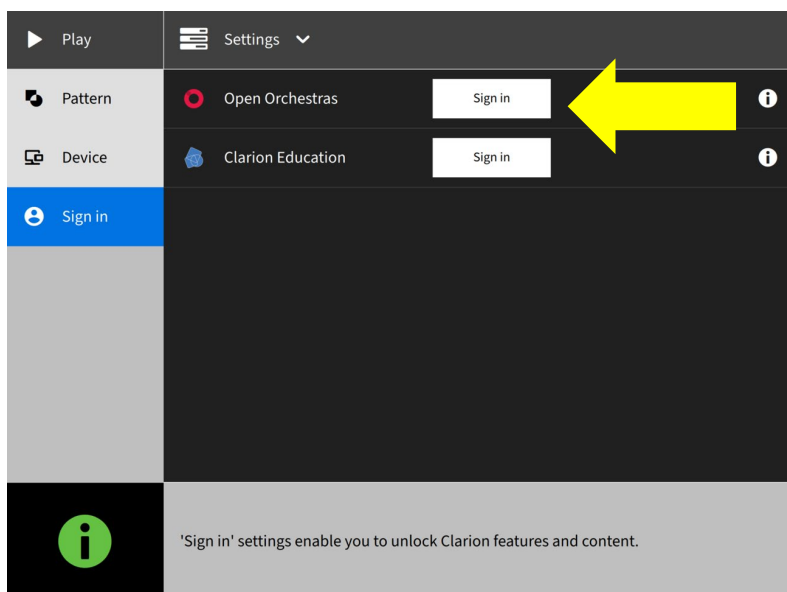
When you open the Clarion for the first time, you will be met with the **Play screen**. To sign in to the full version of the Clarion (using your Clarion Education or Open Orchestras account details), click the menu button ☰ in the top left-hand corner of the screen.



Now the screen should look like this, with the option to click on **Settings** in the menu. Click on **Settings**.



The **Sign in** option will appear in **Settings**:

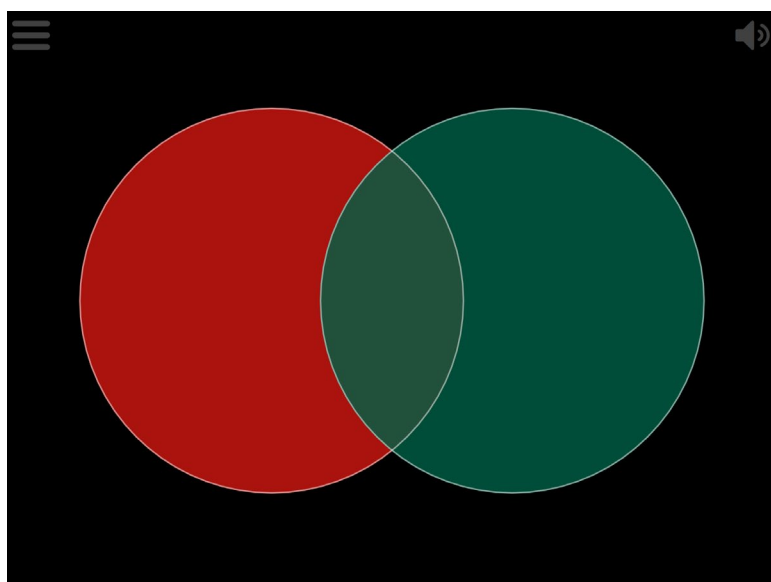


Click on the **Sign in** buttons next to Open Orchestras or Clarion Education to enter your account signing in details.

This will unlock your full version of the Clarion.

Playing your first notes

Let's start on the **Play Screen**:



Each circle represents a note. Let's play them!

- If you are using an iPad, try sliding your finger around the coloured circles.
- If you are on a Windows PC, try moving your mouse cursor around the coloured circles.

You should hear a different musical note for each shape. No sound? Double-check that the volume is turned up.

Did you notice that the shapes are loud at the top and quiet at the bottom? Where the shapes overlap, you can play both notes at once, which is how you play chords.

Changing pattern

An arrangement of shapes on the **Play screen** is called a **Pattern**. There are loads of **Patterns** to choose from and if you've got a paid version of the Clarion, you can also create your own.

Let's change the **Pattern** we are playing. To begin with, click the menu button ☰ in the top left-hand corner of the screen and open the **Play** menu.

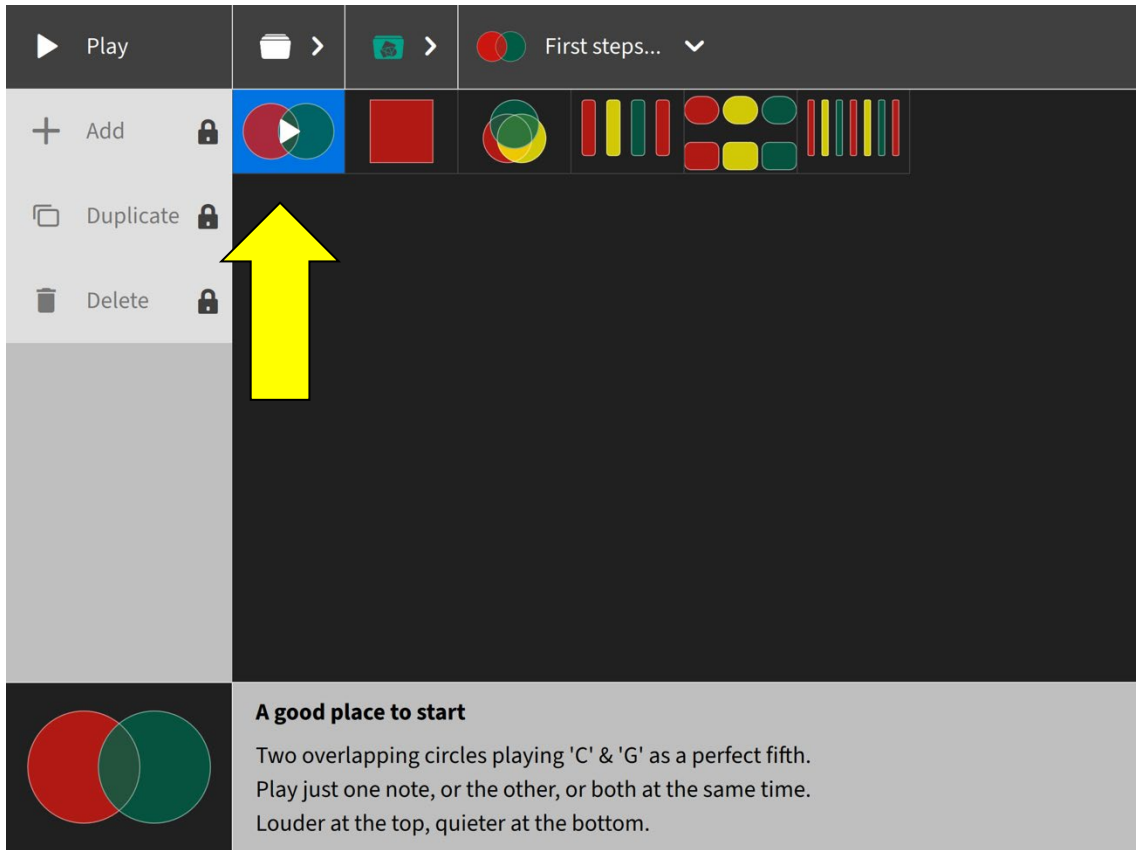


There is a lot to explore here, but for now, please click where it says **First steps...** at the top of the screen:

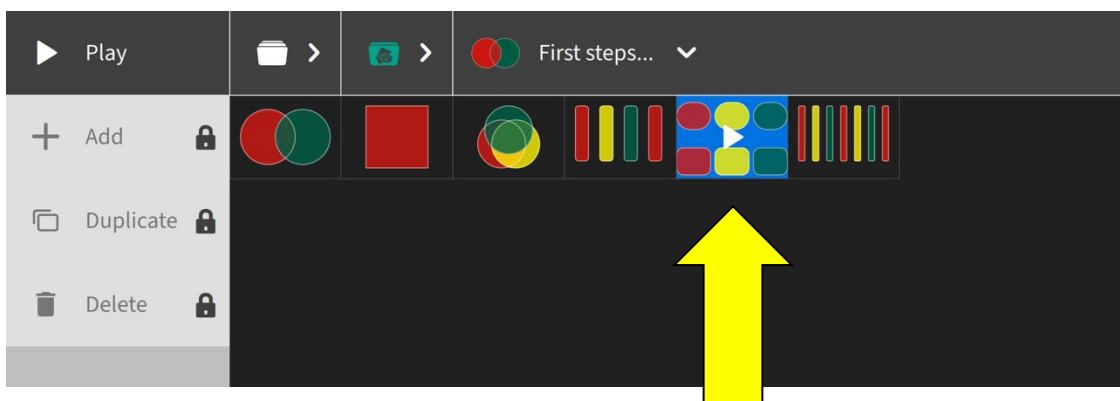


Clicking that will open a folder with 6 different **Patterns** in it.

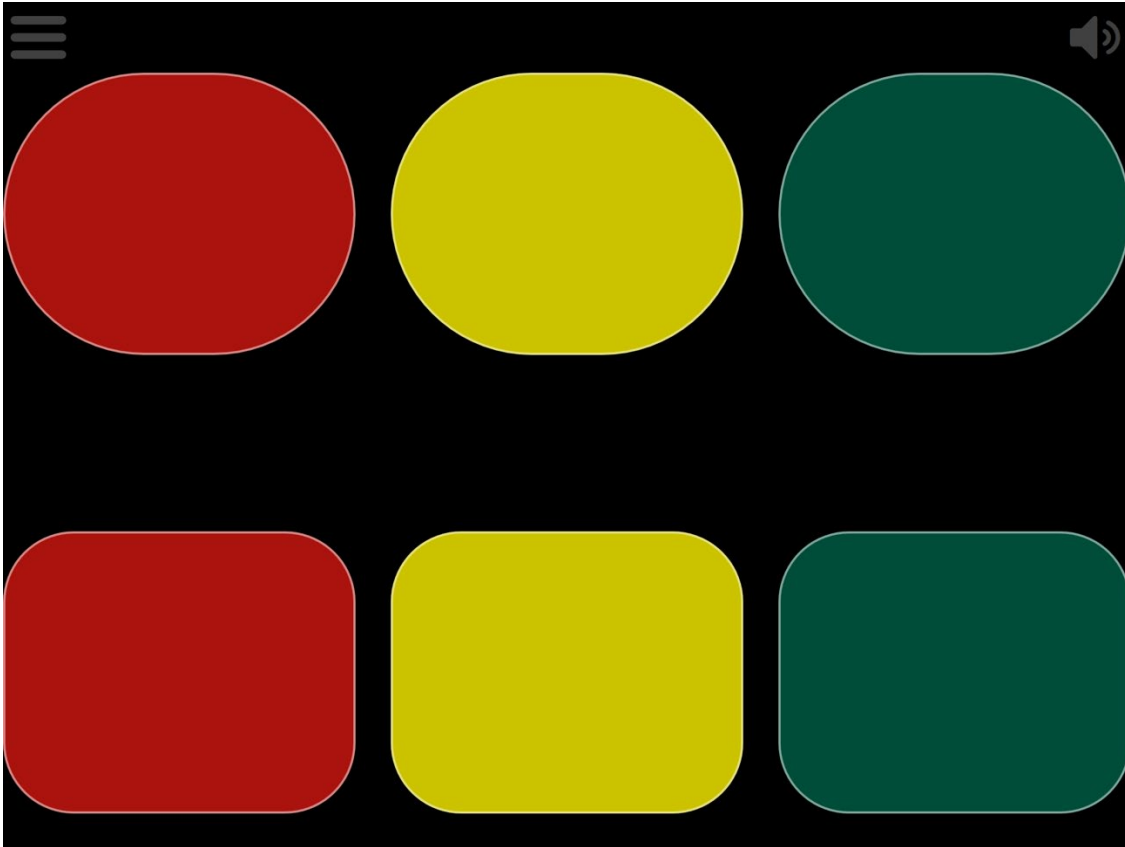
The **Pattern** you currently have loaded is highlighted in blue and there is a description of it at the bottom of the screen:



Let's load the fifth **Pattern** along. Click it once. It will get highlighted in blue and the description at the bottom of the screen will change.




Click the **Pattern** again to load it. You will automatically be taken back to the **Play screen**.

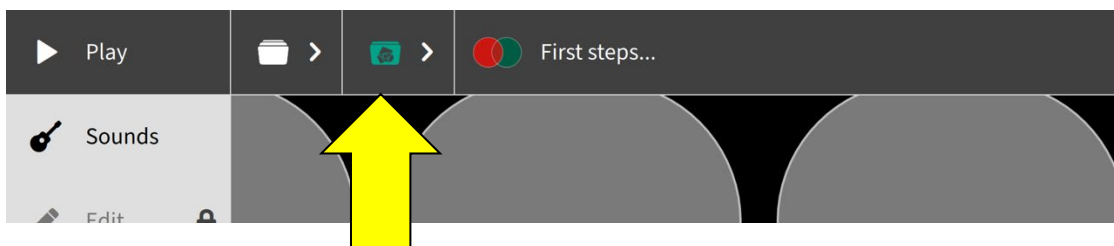


This **Pattern** is great for people using eye gaze technology. You can rest your eyes (or fingers!) in the middle of the screen and then move up or down to play notes.

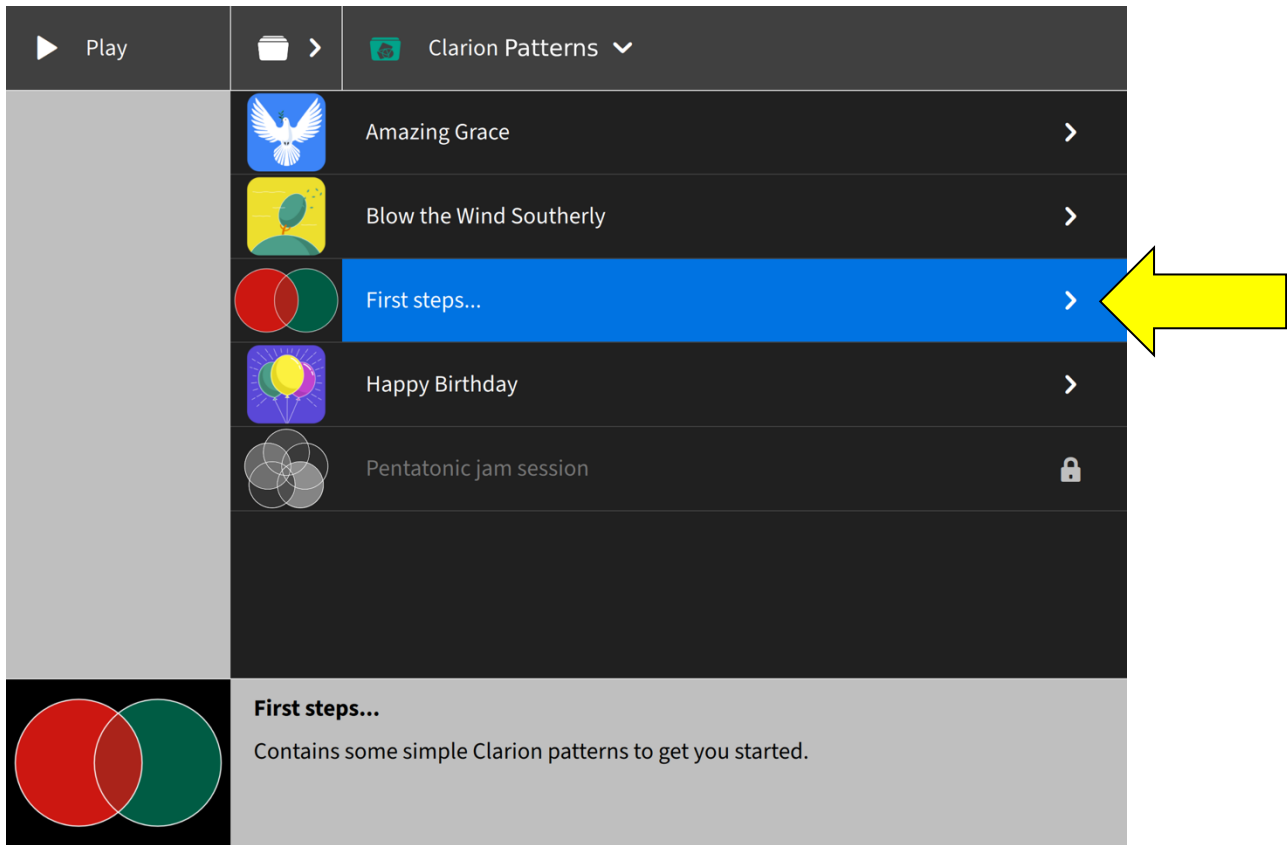
You will notice that these shapes are louder towards the top and bottom of the screen and quieter towards the middle.

More patterns

Clarion comes with lots of **Patterns** organised into folders. To access those folders, click the menu button  in the top left-hand corner of the screen, and then click on this folder button:

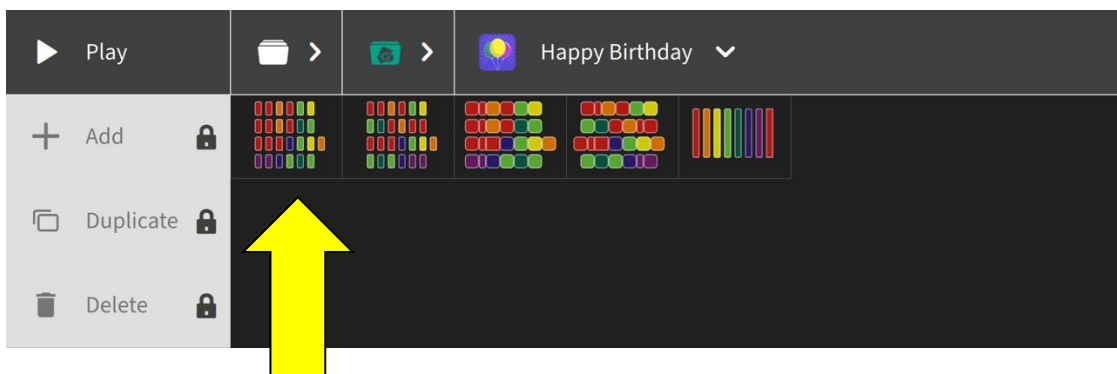


The screen looks like this when the library of Clarion patterns is open:



The **Pattern** you currently have loaded is stored in the **First steps...** folder, which is why that folder is highlighted in blue. You can see a description at the bottom of the screen.

Let's load a pattern from the **Happy Birthday** folder. Tap/click the Happy Birthday folder once to select it. It will turn blue and the description at the bottom of the screen will change. Click it again to open the folder and then click the first **Pattern** twice to load it. Now you can play Happy Birthday!

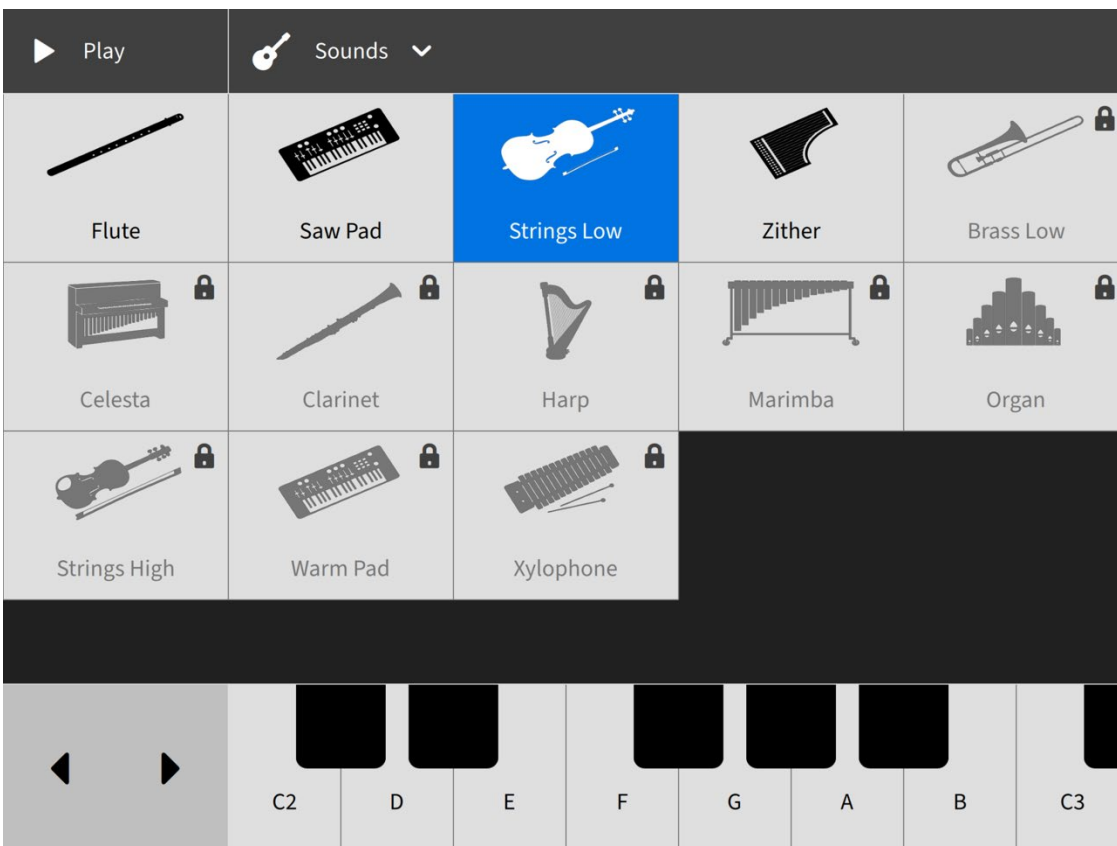


Changing the sound

Clarion has 13 instrument sounds built in. To change the sound, click the menu button in the top left-hand corner of the screen and then click the button that says **Sounds**:



The screen should look like this:



You can see the sound you currently have selected because it will be highlighted in blue. If you want to see what it sounds like, use the keyboard at the bottom of the screen.

Let's try loading a different sound. Click the Flute so that it turns blue, and then click the **Play** button in the top left-hand corner of the screen to go back to the **Play screen**. Now you can play Happy Birthday on the Flute!

Summary

You've learned how to load **Patterns**, access and open different folders and change the sounds. Try opening different folders, loading different patterns and changing the sounds. You'll be a Clarion master before you know it!

For more information on developing your playing skills on the Clarion, check out the videos and tutorials on our website <https://theclarion.uk/>

If you'd like to access more Patterns, create and edit your own **Patterns** and to access lots more sounds and features, please buy a full copy of the Clarion through Clarion Education (one-off volume purchasing) or subscribe to Open Orchestras (yearly programme subscription).

We hope you enjoy playing the Clarion... Tag us on YouTube and social media to share your music, tips, and the way you play it! #Clarion.

For any issues with downloading, accessing, or signing in, you can contact Clarion customer support via email to help@theclarion.uk.

For other troubleshooting questions, please fill out the feedback form so we can collect the information we need to assist you.