

Dino's Jukebox

for iPhone and CarPlay

User Guide

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Your own music, played like a proper jukebox.

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CHAPTER 1

Welcome to Dino’s Jukebox

Dino’s Jukebox turns the music you already own into a proper jukebox on your iPhone. It plays your collection from wherever it lives – your NAS, a home media server, a shared folder on a computer, Dropbox or the iPhone itself – and wraps it in the things that make a jukebox fun: a chart of what gets played most, a countdown with a DJ, smooth crossfades, sing-along lyrics and a big Now Playing screen that looks great on a shelf or in a dock.

What makes it different

- **It plays your music, not a streaming catalogue.** There’s nothing to subscribe to elsewhere and no adverts – the app simply plays the songs you already have.
- **Many sources at once.** Switch on as many music sources as you like; their songs are merged into one library, with a small coloured “pill” on each song showing where it lives.
- **A jukebox feel.** The *Hot Here* chart, the countdown and the DJ voice come from the touchscreen jukebox software the app is based on.
- **Private by design.** No accounts with the developer, no tracking and nothing about you or your music is collected.

What you need

- An iPhone running **iOS 17 or later**.
- Your own music, in common formats: MP3, AAC / M4A, ALAC, FLAC, WAV or AIFF.
- For music on a home server: the iPhone on the same Wi-Fi (or a server you can reach from outside, such as Plex, Synology QuickConnect or Dropbox).
- Optional: a car with **Apple CarPlay**, AirPlay or Bluetooth speakers.

> **Good to know** Dino’s Jukebox does not include any music and does not stream from Spotify, Apple Music or other subscription services.

CHAPTER 2

Getting started

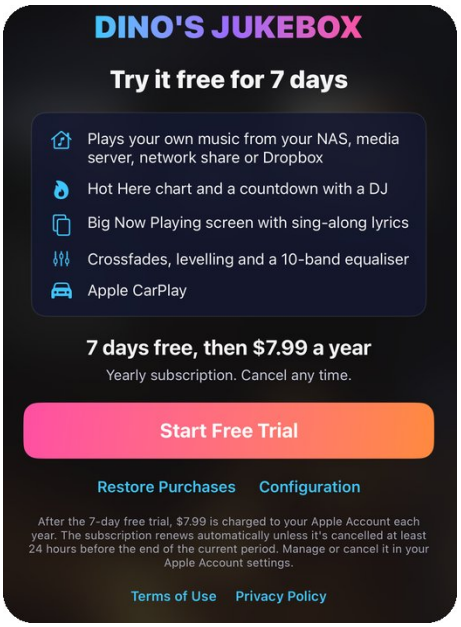
Your free trial and subscription

The first time you open the app you'll see the subscribe screen. Dino's Jukebox is a yearly subscription with a **7-day free trial**.

1. Tap **Start Free Trial** and confirm with Face ID, Touch ID or your Apple Account password.
2. The jukebox unlocks straight away. Nothing is charged for 7 days.
3. If you keep it, the yearly price is charged when the trial ends, then once a year.

To stop, cancel at least 24 hours before the trial or year ends – see *Chapter 12*. Already subscribed on another iPhone? Tap **Restore Purchases**.

The **Configuration** link on this screen lets you set up your music sources before you subscribe.



The subscribe screen

Step 1 – Allow Local Network access

When you first connect to a server, iOS asks whether Dino's Jukebox may find devices on your local network. Tap **Allow** – the app uses this only to find the server your music is on. If you tapped Don't Allow by mistake, turn it on in the iPhone's **Settings › Privacy & Security › Local Network**.

Step 2 – Add your music

1. Tap the **cog** at the top right of the jukebox to open **Configuration**.
2. Scroll to **Music sources** at the bottom.
3. Tap the source your music is on (for example *Network share*, *Plex*, *WebDAV* or *Dropbox*).
4. Switch on **Use …**, then follow the set-up button – usually an address, a user name and a password.
5. Tap **Done**. The jukebox starts finding your songs straight away; you can carry on using it while it looks.

Chapter 9 explains every music source in detail.

> **Tip** If the jukebox says **No music found**, tap **Open Configuration** on that screen – it takes you straight to where you set up your music.

CHAPTER 3

Finding your way around

The jukebox works in portrait and is laid out like the real thing:

1. The title bar

DINO'S JUKEBOX with dancing equaliser bars that move while music plays and stop when it's paused. The **cog** on the right opens Configuration.

2. Now playing

The song that's playing, its progress and time left, and a badge such as **1 next** showing how many songs are queued. Tap it to open the full Now Playing card.

3. The main area

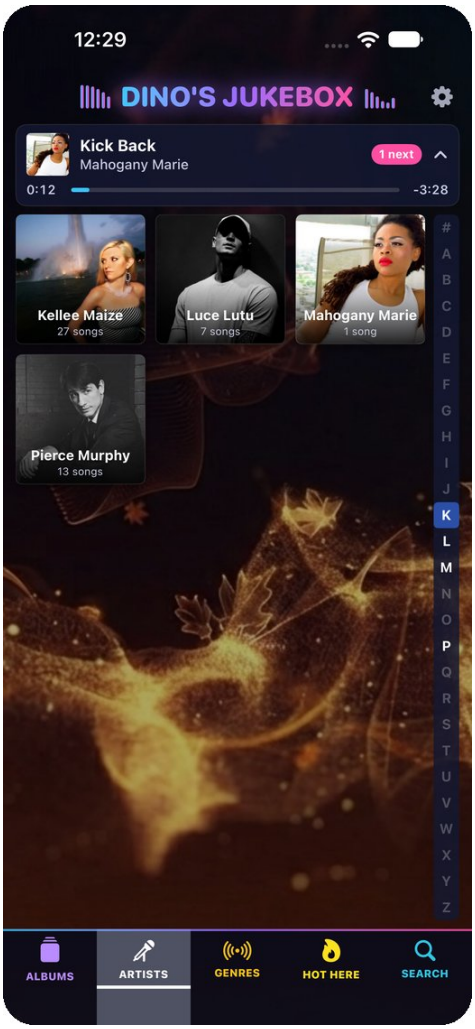
Album and artist tiles, song lists, the chart or search – whatever the tab at the bottom shows.

4. The tabs

ALBUMS · ARTISTS · GENRES · HOT HERE · SEARCH along the bottom.

5. The A–Z strip

On Albums and Artists, slide a finger down the letters on the right to jump through the list.



The main jukebox screen

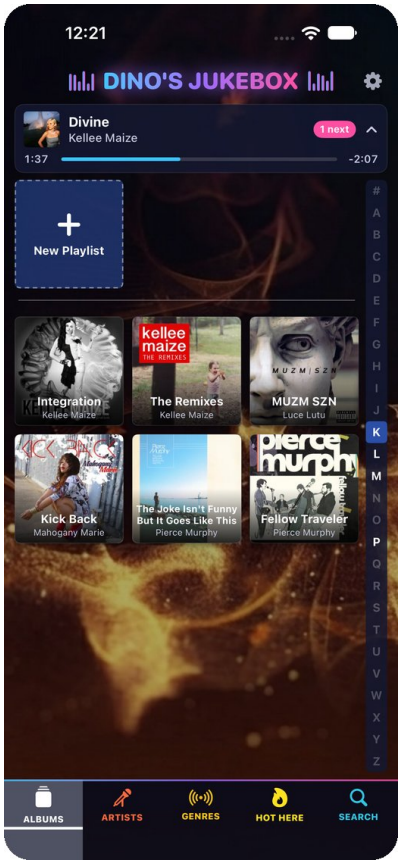
CHAPTER 4

Choosing and queueing music

The five tabs

Tab	What it shows
Albums	Your playlists first (with a **New Playlist** tile), then every album as artwork tiles.
Artists	Every artist with a photo tile. Tap one for their songs, sorted **Popular** (most played) or **A–Z**, with **Download All**.
Genres	Every genre from your music's tags as a tile – a quick way to pick a mood.
Hot Here	The chart of the most-played songs. See Chapter 6.
Search	Choose **SEARCH ARTISTS** or **SEARCH SONGS** and type. Matches appear as you type, and an artist search finds the letters anywhere in the name ("ames" finds James).

Playing a song



Albums, with playlists first

Tap any song to open its **song card**, showing the artwork, artist, album, year, length, where the song lives and its chart position. The card offers:

- **PLAY SONG** – adds it to the end of the queue (or plays it at once if nothing is playing).
- **PRIORITY PLAY SONG** – jumps it to the front of the queue, so it plays next.
- **DOWNLOAD** – keeps a copy on the iPhone for offline listening (see Chapter 10).
- **ADD TO PLAYLIST** – adds it to one of your playlists.

Tap outside the card to close it. If the song is already playing or queued, the card tells you instead.

The queue

- Songs play in the order they were picked, with priority picks first.
- Tap the now-playing bar and choose **Up Next** to see what's coming.
- In Configuration, the **Playing** section has **Skip**, **Clear Queue** and **Stop Music**.
- When the queue runs out, the music stops – unless background music is switched on (Chapter 11).

Playlists

- **Make one:** tap **New Playlist** at the top of the Albums tab and give it a name.
- **Add songs:** on any song card tap **Add to Playlist**, then tap a playlist (tap again to take it out).
- **Re-order:** open the playlist, then press and hold a song and drag it.
- **Server playlists:** Plex, Synology, Emby / Jellyfin, Kodi, Subsonic and Lyrion playlists can appear too, after your own – switch **Show this server's playlists** on or off on that source's page.

CHAPTER 5

Now Playing and lyrics

The Now Playing card

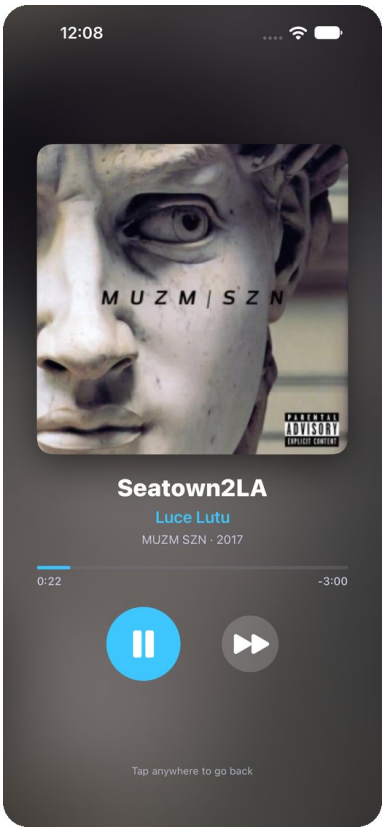
Tap the now-playing bar at the top of the jukebox. The card shows the artwork, play / pause and skip, and switches between **Up Next** and **Lyrics**. Drag it up for full screen, or down to close it.

The big Now Playing screen

Leave the jukebox alone while music plays and, after 20 seconds, the whole screen becomes a giant Now Playing display – like an iPod in a dock:

- The album cover fills the screen, with the song, artist, album and year.
- Every 20 seconds it **flips** to the artist's photo and back.
- Large **pause** and **skip** buttons.
- If the song has lyrics, they scroll in time with the music.
- **Tap anywhere** to go back to the jukebox.

Change the delay, or turn it off, in **Configuration › Display & background music › Big Now Playing screen**.



The big Now Playing screen

Sing-along lyrics

Lyrics come from the music file's own tags first. If a song has none, and online lookup is switched on, the app looks in **LRCLIB**, a free, open lyrics library. Many songs there are timed:

- **Timed line by line** – the line being sung is highlighted and the lyrics scroll smoothly.
- **Timed word by word** – a **bouncing ball** hops from word to word, karaoke style.
- **Not timed** – the words are shown so you can read along.

Settings are in **Configuration › Lyrics**: **Show lyrics**, **Look them up online (LRCLIB)** and **Forget Saved Lyrics**.

> **Tip** If a song's lyrics are out of time, the lyrics may belong to a different version of the song (a single rather than the album version, say). Tap **Forget Saved Lyrics** to make the jukebox look them up again.

CHAPTER 6

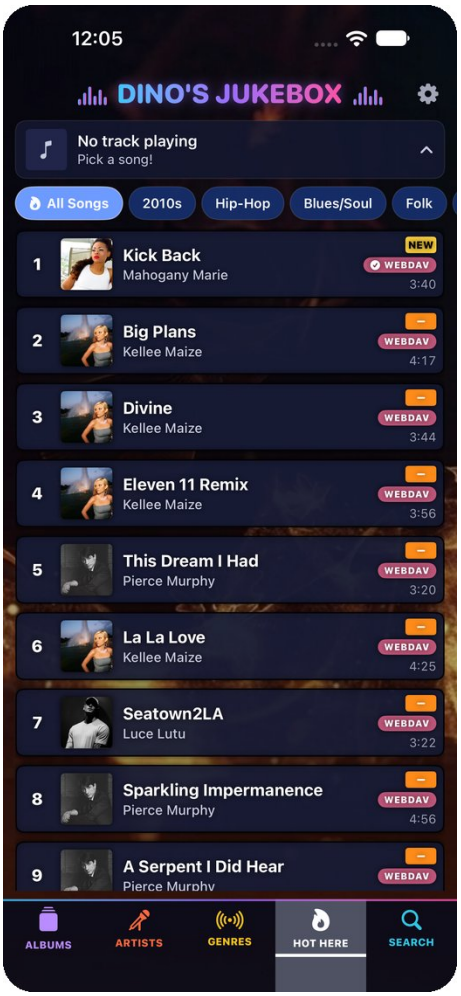
Hot Here, the countdown and the DJ

The Hot Here chart

Every song you pick counts as a play. **Hot Here** ranks the 50 most-played songs on your jukebox, updating after every play, with badges showing how each song has moved:

- **Up and down arrows** – how far a song has moved.
- **NEW** – a new entry.
- Filter buttons along the top (All Songs, decades and styles) show the chart for just that kind of music.

Songs that play by themselves – background music – don't count. Start the chart again with **Configuration › Reset › Reset the Hot Here Chart**.



The Hot Here chart

The countdown

Play your chart from the bottom up, like a radio chart show:

1. Open **Configuration › Playback & DJ**.
2. Set **Countdown length** – Top 5 up to Top 50.
3. Tap **Play the Top … Countdown**.

Songs anyone picks still go first; the countdown carries on afterwards.

The DJ

A DJ voice can announce the countdown – "At number 20 this week, it's…" – with the music dipping underneath while it talks. With chart positions on (Chapter 7), the DJ also mentions hits: "At number 49, and a UK number 4, we have Layla by Eric Clapton", and introduces any other song that was a UK or US top 10 hit: "Now playing a US number 4 hit…".

Setting (Playback & DJ)	What it does
DJ announces the countdown	The DJ introduces each countdown position.
DJ introduces top 10 hits	The DJ introduces songs that reached the UK or US top 10 (needs Chart positions on).
DJ voice	Choose any English voice on the iPhone. *Best British voice* picks the best one installed. Better voices can be downloaded in the iPhone's **Settings › Accessibility › Spoken Content › Voices**.
Test DJ voice	Hear the chosen voice.
Music dips to …%	How quiet the music goes while the DJ talks.

CHAPTER 7

Chart positions

Dino's Jukebox can show how high each song got in the charts – the better of its peak in the **UK Singles Chart** and the **US Billboard Hot 100** – as a small badge next to the artist, for example **(UK 3)** or **(US 1)**.

- Switch it on or off in **Configuration › Display & background music › Chart positions**.
- Positions are looked up on **Wikipedia**, a little at a time, and remembered – so they appear gradually the first time. Progress shows on the Display page and as **CHARTS · Looking up** at the top of the jukebox.
- Songs that didn't chart simply show nothing.
- Wikipedia is occasionally incomplete or wrong, so the odd position may be missing or off.
- Only a song's title and artist are sent to Wikipedia.

CHAPTER 8

Getting the best sound

Crossfade

In **Configuration › Playback & DJ**, set **Crossfade** from off to 10 seconds. The next song starts while the last one fades away, with no gap. Songs that run on from each other on the same album (live albums and DJ mixes) still play straight through.

Volume levelling

In **Configuration › Volume levelling**. Each song is measured the first time it plays, and from then on plays at the same loudness as everything else, so you're not reaching for the volume between quiet and loud recordings. **Target loudness** sets how loud: −16 LUFS is a comfortable level, −14 is louder. Your music files are never changed.

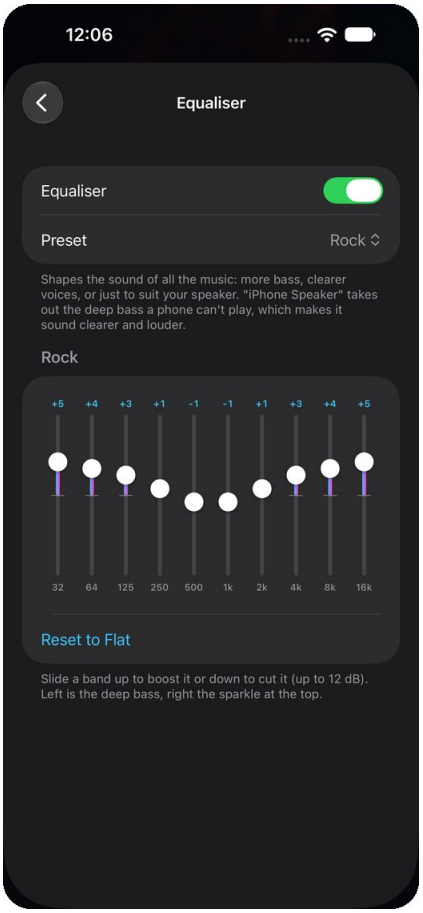
Graphic equaliser

Open **Configuration › Equaliser** and switch it on. Choose a **Preset**, or slide any of the ten bands – from deep bass (32 Hz) on the left to sparkle (16 kHz) on the right – up to boost or down to cut, by up to 12 dB. **Reset to Flat** puts everything back.

Presets

Flat · Bass Boost · Treble Boost · Loudness · Rock · Pop · Dance · Jazz · Classical · Country · Vocal · **iPhone Speaker** · **Late Night**

> Tip **iPhone Speaker** takes out the deep bass the phone's own speaker can't play, so voices sound clearer and the music sounds louder. **Late Night** softens the bass and top for quiet listening.



The 10-band equaliser

Choosing a speaker

Play through AirPlay or Bluetooth speakers using the **Speaker** button in the **Playing** section of Configuration, or from the iPhone's Control Centre.

CHAPTER 9

Music sources

Open **Configuration › Music sources** (at the bottom). Each source shows a coloured dot (matching the pill on its songs), what it's connected to and how many songs it has. Switch on as many as you like.

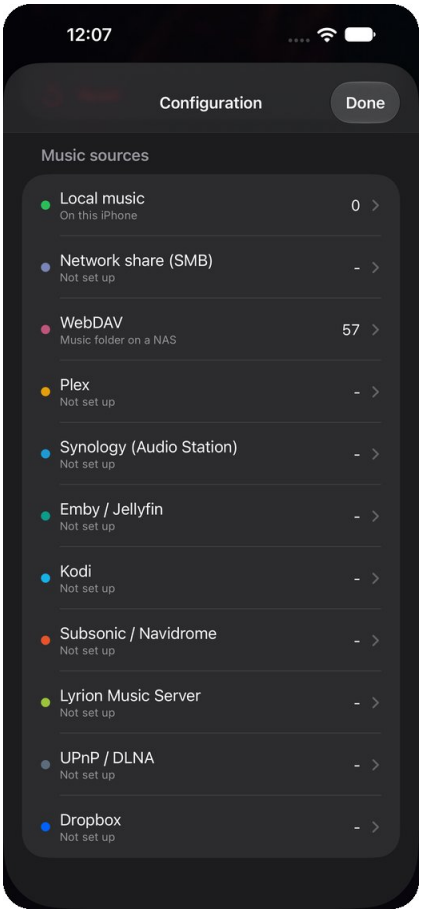
Every source page has

- **Use …** – switches the source on or off without forgetting its sign-in.
- A set-up button to connect it.
- **Forget …** – removes the connection and its sign-in from the iPhone.
- For media servers, **Show this server's playlists**.

Sign-ins are stored in the iPhone's secure keychain and are only ever sent to that server.

Library tools

In **Configuration › Library**: **Rescan Library** finds new and changed songs; **Full Rescan** re-reads every file's tags; **Stop Scanning**; and artist photo options.



The list of music sources

Source	Use it for	What you'll need
Local music	Songs copied onto the iPhone, or a folder in the Files app (including iCloud Drive).	Tap **Choose a Folder in the Files App…**
Network share (SMB)	A shared folder on a NAS, Windows PC or Mac.	The app looks for computers on your Wi-Fi, or type the address (e.g. 192.168.1.20). Then a user name, password and the share.
WebDAV	A WebDAV folder, e.g. on a Synology or Nextcloud.	The music folder address, user name and password.
Plex	A Plex Media Server music library.	Sign in to Plex (a code at plex.tv/link), then pick your server.
Synology (Audio Station)	Synology's Audio Station, at home or away.	A QuickConnect ID or address, your DSM user name and password, and a 6-digit code if two-step sign-in is on.
Emby / Jellyfin	An Emby or Jellyfin server.	Server address, user name and password.

Source	Use it for	What you'll need
Kodi	Kodi's music library.	Kodi's address, plus its web server user name and password (Kodi's web control must be on).
Subsonic / Navidrome	Subsonic, Navidrome, Airsonic and similar.	Server address, user name and password.
Lyrion Music Server	Lyrion (formerly Logitech Media Server).	Server address, and a user name / password if the server has one.
UPnP / DLNA	Any UPnP / DLNA media server, e.g. on a NAS or router.	Pick it from the list, or type its address. Optionally a music folder name. No sign-in.
Dropbox	Music files anywhere in your Dropbox.	Tap **Connect** and sign in on Dropbox's own page. The app can only read your files – never change them.

> **Tip** Songs stream while they play. The start is copied first so playback begins quickly, and if the Wi-Fi drops for a moment the jukebox carries on and catches up by itself.

CHAPTER 10

Downloads, cached songs and offline mode

Downloads

- Tap a song and choose **DOWNLOAD**, or use **Download Album** / **Download All** on an album's or artist's page.
- MP3 and AAC songs are kept exactly as they are; lossless songs (FLAC, ALAC, WAV) are saved as high-quality 320 kbps AAC to save space.
- Progress, space used and **Download on Wi-Fi only** are in **Configuration › Downloads & cache**.
- Remove one with **REMOVE** on its song card, or everything with **Remove All Downloads**.

Cached songs

A copy of every song played from a server is kept in its original quality, so it plays again instantly and without using data. Cached and downloaded songs show a **tick** on their source pill. The oldest copies are cleared by themselves when space runs low, or all at once with **Clear Cached Songs**.

Offline mode

At the top of Configuration, switch **Online** to **Offline**. The jukebox then uses no data at all and shows only songs on the iPhone, downloads and cached songs – perfect for flights, or on a limited data plan.

> **Tip** Downloads and played copies are left out of your iCloud backup, so they don't fill up your iCloud storage.

CHAPTER 11

CarPlay, the lock screen and background music

Apple CarPlay

Connect your iPhone to a CarPlay car (by cable or wirelessly) and Dino's Jukebox appears on the car's screen with three tabs:

- **Hot Here** – your chart. Tap a song to play it next.
- **Albums** – your playlists first, then albums. Play a whole album or playlist, or one song.
- **Artists** – every artist and their songs.
- **Now Playing** uses CarPlay's own screen, with play / pause / skip and an **Up Next** button.

Lock screen, Control Centre and headphones

Music keeps playing when the iPhone is locked or you switch apps. The song, artwork and controls appear on the lock screen and in Control Centre, and headphone and steering-wheel buttons work as you'd expect.

Background music and the display

In **Configuration › Display & background music**:

- **Jukebox name** – change the name shown at the top.
- **Keep the screen awake** – the iPhone never locks while the jukebox is open. Best when it's plugged in.
- **Big Now Playing screen** – off, or after 10 seconds to 2 minutes.
- **Chart positions** – see Chapter 7.
- **Background music after … quiet minutes** – when nobody has picked a song for a while, the jukebox plays favourites from the chart by itself. They fade out as soon as someone picks a song.

CHAPTER 12

Your subscription

See your subscription in **Configuration › About › Subscription**. It shows whether you're on the **Free trial** or **Subscribed**, the renewal or end date, and has buttons to **Manage Subscription** and **Restore Purchases**.

To cancel

1. Tap **Manage Subscription** in the app – or open the iPhone's **Settings**, tap your name, then **Subscriptions**.
2. Choose **Dino's Jukebox** and tap **Cancel Subscription**.
3. Cancel at least 24 hours before the trial or year ends to avoid the next charge. You can keep using the jukebox until the end of the period you've paid for.

When a subscription ends

The music stops and the subscribe screen appears. Nothing is deleted: your music sources, playlists, chart and downloads are all kept, ready for when you subscribe again. On CarPlay, the screen says a subscription is needed.

New iPhone?

Install Dino's Jukebox, signed in with the same Apple Account, and tap **Restore Purchases** on the subscribe screen. You'll need to set up your music sources again on the new iPhone.

CHAPTER 13

Your privacy

- **No data collected.** No accounts with the developer, no adverts, no analytics and no tracking. Nothing about you or your music is ever sent to the developer.
- **Stays on your iPhone:** your song list and artwork, play counts, settings, downloads and recently played copies.
- **Sign-ins** are kept in the iPhone's secure keychain and only sent to the server they belong to.
- **Lyrics** (if switched on): a song's title, artist, album and length are sent to LRCLIB.
- **Chart positions** (if switched on): a song's title and artist are sent to Wikipedia.
- **Payments** are handled entirely by Apple.

The full privacy policy is at www.matthews.casa/iphonejukebox/privacy and in **Configuration › About › Privacy Policy**.

CHAPTER 14

Troubleshooting

Problem	What to try
“No music found”	Open Configuration › Music sources and check a source is switched on and connected, then tap **Look Again**. For a home server, make sure the iPhone is on the same Wi-Fi.
My server isn’t found	Allow Local Network access in the iPhone’s Settings › Privacy & Security › Local Network. Or type the server’s address in yourself.
New songs don’t appear	Configuration › Library › **Rescan Library**. If song details are wrong after editing tags, use **Full Rescan**.
A song stops early or skips	The connection to the server dropped. The jukebox retries automatically; if it keeps happening, check the Wi-Fi signal or download your favourites.
Lyrics missing or out of time	Not every song or version is in LRCLIB. Tap **Forget Saved Lyrics** to look again. Check “Look them up online” is on and you’re not in Offline mode.
A chart position looks wrong	Positions come from Wikipedia and can occasionally be missing or wrong. Switch them off in Display if you prefer.
The DJ voice sounds robotic	Download a better voice in the iPhone’s Settings › Accessibility › Spoken Content › Voices, then choose it in Playback & DJ.
Thin or harsh sound on the iPhone speaker	Turn on the Equaliser with the **iPhone Speaker** preset.
Big differences in volume	Switch on Volume levelling. Each song is levelled from its second play.
Dino’s Jukebox doesn’t appear in CarPlay	Check CarPlay is allowed in Settings › Screen Time (if used) and that the app has an active subscription.
The subscribe screen appears after subscribing	Tap **Restore Purchases**, and check you’re signed in with the Apple Account you subscribed with.
Start again from scratch	Configuration › Reset › **Reset Jukebox…** forgets every song, the chart and all music sources. Playlists and settings are kept, and music copied onto the iPhone isn’t deleted.

Getting help

Visit **www.matthews.casa/iphonejukebox/support** or email **developer@matthews.casa**. It helps to say which iPhone and iOS version you have, which music source you’re using and what happened.

APPENDIX

Configuration at a glance

Tap the cog at the top right of the jukebox. Configuration is laid out from top to bottom like this:

Section / page	What's there
(top)	**Online / Offline** switch, number of songs, scan progress.
Playing	Now playing, songs waiting, **Skip**, **Clear Queue**, **Stop Music**, **Speaker**.
Library	**Rescan Library**, **Full Rescan**, **Stop Scanning**, artist photo options.
Playback & DJ	Crossfade; Countdown length, Play the Countdown, Reset the Hot Here Chart; DJ announces the countdown, DJ introduces top 10 hits, DJ voice, Test DJ voice, music dip level.
Lyrics	Show lyrics, Look them up online (LRCLIB), Forget Saved Lyrics.
Equaliser	On / off, Preset, ten band sliders, Reset to Flat.
Volume levelling	On / off, Target loudness, songs levelled so far.
Downloads & cache	Downloads, space used, Download on Wi-Fi only, Remove All Downloads; cached songs, Clear Cached Songs.
Display & background music	Jukebox name, Keep the screen awake, Big Now Playing screen, Chart positions, Background music.
About	Version, **Subscription**, Privacy Policy, Acknowledgements.
Reset	Reset the Hot Here Chart, Reset Jukebox.
Music sources	Local music, Network share (SMB), WebDAV, Plex, Synology (Audio Station), Emby / Jellyfin, Kodi, Subsonic / Navidrome, Lyrion Music Server, UPnP / DLNA, Dropbox.

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