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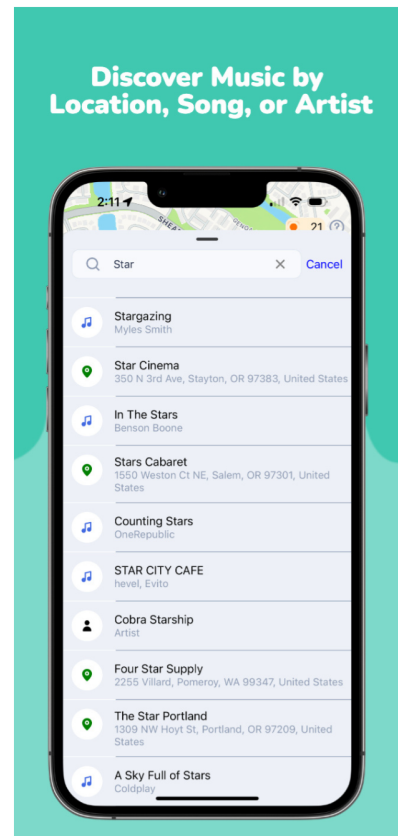
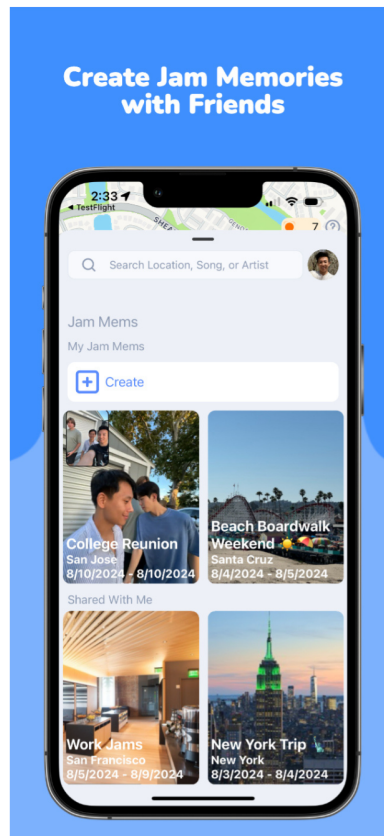
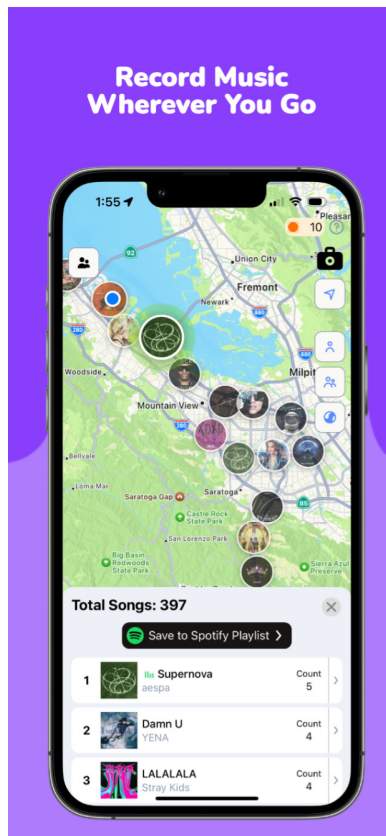
Currently Beta testing is limited to 25 users. If you are no longer actively using the app and wish to be removed from Beta testing, [contact](#) us so we can offer the spot to others!

Feel free to share this doc with any friends who may be interested!

Welcome to Coaster Beta!

Coaster is a mobile app inspired by a very good friend of mine who loves sharing music and travel memories! It enhances your Spotify experience by:

- Clustering listened tracks geographically on an interactive map
- Offering playback previews and playlist creation
- Enabling sharing and filtering of song clusters with friends and the world
- Supporting location and music-based search queries
- Facilitating collaborative listening memories with friends



In summary, Coaster combines music playback, geolocation, and social features to create a unique, interactive music discovery platform! Click [here](#) to view a demo.

Device Requirements

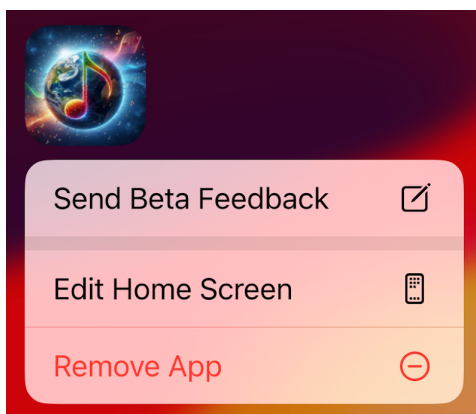
- Have an iPhone (sorry Android users, this is only on iOS for now)

Sign Up

- Find your Spotify login email. If you're unsure, check [here](#).
- Send this email to one of the [contacts](#). This is needed to add you to the Spotify authentication allowlist during Beta testing.
- You will receive a confirmation via that contact option when you are added. You will be unable to log in before this confirmation and experience other bugs.
- Download the app [here](#). It should automatically prompt you to install [Testflight](#), which will help you install Coaster and any future updates.
- When you first open the app, make sure you allow the requested permissions.
- Enjoy testing :)

Feedback

- Before submitting feedback, check the [FAQs](#) in case the issue is addressed.
- To submit quick feedback, simply long-press on the app.



- For more detailed bug reports or feature requests, fill out this [survey](#)!

Contribute to Development

The current app is the product of less than 3 months of active development. Developer bandwidth is currently very limited, but the app has tons of potential features to be implemented. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please reach out!

FAQs / Troubleshooting

- Q: How does this app even work?
 - A: Great question! Admittedly it's a little unintuitive when you first try it. Hopefully I find time to build an in-app tutorial but for now watch the [demo video](#), read these FAQs, or text the [contact](#) number for questions / help.
- Q: How does snapshot recording work?
 - A: **TLDR, open the app, can leave it in the background (just don't kill the app), listen to Spotify, snapshots will be automatically recorded every 30 min.** Coaster tracks your location by periodically recording the timestamp and coordinates of your position. The frequency of these updates depends on how fast you are moving. When the oldest and most recent point in your location history exceeds 30 minutes, Coaster will check your Spotify listening history during that time range and match locations with songs based on timestamps to form snapshots, which are uploaded to our server. Your current location history is stored locally on your device, and is cleared whenever snapshots are posted.
- Q: Why are my snapshots not being recorded even though the app is on?
 - A: There may be a couple of reasons for this
 1. Make sure the recording indicator (top right) is on.
 2. Check your service / connection. If the number in the top right corner is very large (>150), try taking manual snapshots with the camera button. If this fails, wait until you're in an area with service again and it should record your snapshots. Note that if you wait too long before reconnecting some songs may not be recorded.
 3. You didn't finish listening to any songs within 10 minutes of the time span of your current location history.
 4. If you're sure you have recent location points in your history and are listening to songs on your Spotify account, try taking a manual snapshot using the camera button. If it fails, file a bug.
 5. If you've left the app backgrounded for an extended period of time, it may be killed automatically. For best results, open the app briefly before you definitely want it to record snapshots and open the app once in a while to make sure songs are recorded.

6. If you're on low battery mode, background requests such as automatic snapshots may be automatically reduced. There may be nothing we can do about this unfortunately.
- Q: Why are some of my snapshots not appearing on the "Friends" or "Global" filter?
 - A: There may be a couple of reasons for this.
 - 1) Check your snapshot privacy settings.
 - 2) The "Me" filter will display snapshots according to your snapshot retention setting, whereas the "Global" and "Friends" filters will display snapshots from *just the past 7 days*. This is intentional, as it enables those filters to continuously display the latest weekly trends across all users.
 - Q: I deleted my Jam Mem and tried to recreate it but couldn't. Why is this?
 - A: When you create a Jam Mem, it makes a copy of all you and your Jam Friends' snapshots from that time range. If any of those original snapshots are deleted after you create the Jam Mem, you will be unable to recover them if you also delete the Jam Mem. This is the point of Jam Mem as they save your snapshots permanently that would otherwise expire after your retention period!

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