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Gameboyzz Orchestra Project develops blip-pop

By Jack Schofield / Out of this world 01:01pm

"A group of artists in Poland has taken the cacophony of blips, boops and beeps created as players bash buttons on Nintendo's handheld Game Boy console to a new level," reports [BBC News](#).

"The Gameboyzz Orchestra Project has taken the game sounds to put together music tunes they have dubbed 'blip-pop'.

"Think of it as Donkey Kong meets Norman Cook, or maybe Tetris takes on Kraftwerk."

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The use of Gameboys for producing music isn't anything new. Who could forget the excellent Tetris single?

More recently I saw Passage/Restiform bodies extensively using loops created on an original Game Boy in their live set - just plugging it straight into the mixer.

www.anticon.com/a-passage.htm

Posted by Dave on December 21, 2004 9:51 PM.

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Blip-pop has indeed been around for years. Google it and see. There's even a blip-pop compilation album out.

Likewise, Blip-hop has also been well covered in the media, the Beeb broadcast a radio documentary about it over two years ago, although there is no specific game boy references in the article I found.

The assertion that this group of Poles have named it is pushing it a bit.

On a side note, the C64 audio chip has also been heavily

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