

# Cultural Olympiad: Music vs Table Tennis

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## NEW MUSIC 20X12 CULTURAL OLYMPIAD



### MUSIC VS TABLE TENNIS – PING!

Fusion Table Tennis Club and the Coull Quartet present Ping! – Music vs Table Tennis, part of PRS for Music Foundation's New Music 20×12 programme, celebrating the 2012 Cultural Olympiad and the BBC's Music Nation.

The event is a collaboration between composer Joe Cutler, the Coull Quartet and Fusion Table Tennis Club which explores the distinct sounds and rhythms that table tennis players can make.

The piece will create intricate cross-rhythms between table tennis players and the string quartet, with a film by south-London based international visual artist, Tom Dale.

Joe Cutler conceived Music vs Table Tennis, which also features Joe's brother Tom, a leading England-ranked table tennis player. Having enjoyed playing table tennis as young boys, they now have the opportunity to work together again to create a bold and dynamic piece of music combining their individual passions.



Table tennis and string quartet may seem like an unlikely partnership, however, Joe is eager to point out the benefit of combining them in this piece:

"Table tennis is a very aural sport, full of its own rhythms and sounds, so developing a piece that combined the sound worlds of music and table tennis seemed a very natural idea.

My brother is a coach at Fusion, and it seemed a good idea to involve his club. The string quartet seemed a medium that could combine particularly well with table tennis as there are sounds that are common to both."

Young string players from Lewisham Music Service's Fabulosity Project have been exploring the musical ideas of Ping! in a specially devised piece by a composer colleague of Joe Cutler. They will have the opportunity to perform alongside the Coull Quartet in Lewisham on 16 June and at the Hayward Gallery on 14 July.

**New Music 20×12** is a UK-wide programme which consists of twenty outstanding new works, each lasting 12 minutes, commissioned to feature centre stage of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. New Music 20×12 commissions will be broadcast by BBC Radio 3 and tour the UK, enabling as many people as possible to enjoy excellent new music as part of our celebrations of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.



**Composer:** Joe Cutler

**Film artist:** Tom Dale

**Performers:** Coull String Quartet & Fusion Table Tennis Club

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