Sibelius
The smartest, fastest, easiest way to write music
“Sibelius is an instrument that is organic and brilliantly organized, so a musician can think quickly and rely on it for ease of movement. Its design makes creativity a distinct possibility and always just a keystroke away.”

Gil Goldstein
Grammy®-winning arranger, composer, pianist (Bobby McFerrin, Sting, Chris Botti)

From concert halls to classrooms, more composers, arrangers, publishers, and educators use Sibelius—the world’s best-selling notation software—than any other. With its sophisticated yet easy-to-use tools and Sibelius | Cloud Sharing features, Sibelius makes it easy to create, arrange, print, and share your compositions.

And now it’s available for desktop and iPad in three tiers to meet every need, providing a seamless way to move between working on your computer and a tablet. And to go from studio to coffeeshop to scoring stage with ease.

› SIBELIUS | FIRST™—Compose simple scores with up to four staves with free versions of both the desktop software and mobile app for those new to music notation

› SIBELIUS—Create compositions for small to mid-size ensembles with up to 16 staves with the desktop software and/or mobile app for aspiring composers

› SIBELIUS | ULTIMATE™—Compose, arrange, and publish scores and parts of any size and complexity with the industry-standard desktop software and now the mobile app
COMPOSE RICHLY DETAILED SCORES

WRITE MUSIC WITH EASE
Sibelius makes music composition easy, giving you the flexibility to work anywhere using your computer or iPad. Whether you prefer to enter notes from the onscreen notation Keypad, a MIDI keyboard, your computer keyboard, or using an Apple Pencil, Sibelius takes care of all note layout, orientation, and rest details for you.

BUILD UP COMPOSITIONS
Create music for everything from piano to orchestra, with multiple instrument parts. And not just with notes and rests—you can add chord symbols, guitar tabs, guitar chord diagrams, expression text, articulations, lyrics, titles, graphics, and more to give your music the detail, depth, and dynamism it deserves. You can even loop playback to improvise ideas.

HEAR YOUR MUSIC IN STUNNING DETAIL
Sibelius includes a high-quality sample library filled with a variety of musical instrumentation, so you can hear what your music will sound like when performed by real musicians. You can also plug in third-party sound libraries, such as NotePerformer, giving you more flexibility with the instrumentation you hear.

"The guys using multiple clefs... some guys don't mind changing from bass to tenor clef for the higher notes, or even treble clef. Sibelius is flexible enough to do that even in concert. It really makes it easy."
—Benny Rietveld
bassist, music director (Santana, Sheila E, John Lee Hooker)

ORCHESTRATE AND CREATE THE PERFECT ARRANGEMENT

ARRANGE PARTS FAST
The Arrange feature makes it easy to orchestrate additional instrument parts from existing ones. Simply select an orchestration style and Sibelius automatically creates new parts based on your sources. You can also “explode” chords across different parts, speeding up multipart instrumentation. Or consolidate multiple parts into one with a click.

GET INTELLIGENT IMPORT
With a single click, you can import a MIDI, MusicXML, or Sibelius file into a new or existing score. All notation, instrumentation, techniques, and articulations are automatically assigned, preserving the composer’s intent, and saving you hours—if not days—of clean-up time. You can even combine several scores together, with control over what’s imported.

PERFECT AND REVIEW SCORES
Sibelius takes the manual effort out of adapting instrumentation, transposing parts, and adding slurs, so you can work faster. And when your score is ready, Review mode lets you lock things down, enabling collaborators to freely view your score and add comments and annotations without fear of accidentally changing anything.
PREPARE AND FINE-TUNE SCORES FOR PERFORMANCE AND PUBLICATION

CREATE PARTS DYNAMICALLY
Sibelius can create individual instrument parts when you create your score and will automatically update them accordingly whenever you make changes to the score. For copyists, this eliminates the need to extract parts or make destructive changes when preparing sheet music for different parts. Plus, parts can be changed without affecting the full score.

ENGRAVE INTELLIGENTLY
Create beautiful professional scores quickly with advanced notation tools and multi-edit capabilities. Add slurs, hairpins, ties, or other staff lines across multiple instruments, and make edits to barlines, expression and technique text, and lyrics all in one action. Sibelius intelligently spaces notes and elements, keeping everything in perfect alignment.

FLY THROUGH COMPLEX TASKS
Thanks to the Sibelius user community, you can supercharge your software with more capabilities through free plugins. With over 140 included (and hundreds more available), these plugins can help you with complex engraving, notating, layout, processing, text, and other tasks. Check out the Install Plugins dialog in Sibelius to find what you need.

SHARE SCORES ONLINE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SHARE SCORES IN THE CLOUD
With Sibelius Cloud Sharing, you can present your scores online, enabling anyone, anywhere, to view and play your compositions using any device. Invite others to review your work privately on your personal cloud space (1 GB included), or post scores to your website and social media for the world to hear. All you need is Sibelius and an Internet connection.

COLLABORATE EASILY
Because any score you share in the cloud can be viewed and played in any web browser—without requiring Sibelius—it’s the ultimate tool to send scores out for review, performance prep, and proofreading. Viewers can flip pages, jump to parts, and hear compositions with full high-quality instrumentation.

GET MORE WAYS TO SHARE
Save scores to Cloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, or other iOS-supported cloud service, and you and other collaborators can access the files from anywhere using a laptop or iPad. And because you’re all always in Sibelius whether on desktop or mobile, you can seamlessly move between both worlds without ever having to import or export files.

"Sometimes I want to actually combine the pencil with the computer notation, and that’s just so easy. It’s inviting and a pleasure to work with.”
Steve Reich
Grammy®-winning composer

"I’ve had Sibelius since it came out and it has remained the program I work with ever since. I was trained to orchestrate by hand, but digital technology took over and made the process easier and faster.”
Jeff Wayne
composer (Jeff Wayne’s Musical Version of The War of the Worlds)

"Engagingly, I had never felt comfortable using a computer to orchestrate before, but I was instantly captivated by Sibelius’ user interface and straightforward command structure. I knew I could use it for my new project with confidence."  
Simon Franglen
award-winning composer, arranger, producer (Avatar, The Magnificent Seven, Spectre)
When you’re composing, arranging, and orchestrating, the fewer barriers between the creative process that’s happening in your mind and how you input it, the better… Sibelius has just been super easy, clean, and efficient.

Steven Feifke  
Award-winning pianist, bandleader, composer  
(Simon Feifke Big Band, Steve Tyrell Band, Comedians In Cars Getting Coffee)

I use Sibelius 100% of the time. I work with A-list players in the ensemble, and before I put music in front of them, I need to make sure they’re not a mess.

Jay Terrien  
composer, arranger, violist  
(Steve Wonder, Christina Perry, Rihanna)

"Sibelius is a vital tool to help get our ideas out of the studio, onto the page, and onto the stage... It gives me everything I need and more."

Germaine Franco  
award-winning composer  
(Coco, Dora and the Lost City of Gold, Dope)

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You can share your compositions with the world in a variety of ways. Publish scores directly to Score Exchange to sell your sheet music to the masses. Export scores as PDFs for distribution through a variety of music publishers. You can even export an audio version of your work for distribution to Spotify, Apple Music, and other streaming services.

Increase sheet music sales

For music publishers, Sibelius | Cloud Publishing enhances the online sheet music shopping experience with interactive scores, leading to higher sales and satisfaction. Shoppers can preview, play, change instruments, and transpose scores before buying to ensure it meets their needs. Once purchased, they’ll get a high-quality version that’s fit for print.

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Complement your workflow with SIBELIUS FOR MOBILE

TAKE SIBELIUS AND ALL YOUR SCORES WHEREVER YOU GO

WORK ON SCORES ANYWHERE

Sibelius for mobile puts the #1 selling music notation program at your fingertips—literally. Work with the same tools and features used by countless composers and production houses every day on your iPad. Whether writing down ideas, creating full-blown compositions, or reviewing scores, you have the freedom to create wherever you’re comfortable.

TAKE YOUR PORTFOLIO TO GO

Forget having to bring and break out your laptop when meeting with clients and collaborators. Instead, you can conveniently take the world’s most powerful notation toolset and your entire music portfolio with you wherever you go—ideal for those unexpected opportunities. And for tandemly working through last-minute revisions.

HEAR YOUR MUSIC IN STUNNING DETAIL

Sibelius includes a high-quality sample library filled with a variety of musical instrumentation, so you can hear what your music will sound like when performed by real musicians. The Espressivo advanced notation interpretation even lets you adjust rhythm and swing to create a more humanistic feel.

When I heard about Sibelius for mobile for the first time, I was extremely excited... Having tools that enable you to work outside of the same environment is essential—not just for your creativity but for your mind and soul.”

Antonio Teoli
video game composer, audio director, sound designer
(Sonic 30th Anniversary Symphony, Good Job!, The Amazonic sample library)
COMPOSE QUICKLY WITH A TAP, GESTURE, OR APPLE PENCIL

SPEED YOUR WORKFLOW
Sibelius for mobile is designed to take full advantage of Apple Pencil and iPad touch capabilities. Its elegant, streamlined interface provides the most intuitive and efficient workflows possible while supporting the same keyboard shortcuts you know and love from working on the desktop version, so you’ll feel right at home.

GET INNOVATIVE NOTE ENTRY
Experience the pen and paper workflow reimagined. Enter notes with the onscreen Keypad or a keyboard, and Sibelius takes care of all note layout. Touch a note and drag up or down to change its value, or drag left or right to add a flat or sharp. With an Apple Pencil, tap a note and tilt up or down to add a flat or sharp, or tilt left or right to choose the note value.

HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED
In addition to the Keypad, Sibelius for mobile features a Create menu that’s optimised for iOS, making it easy to add clefs, key signatures, time signatures, barlines, symbols, text styles, and more to your score from searchable galleries. You can also quickly search through all Sibelius commands using the Command Search, putting the entire app at your fingertips.

SCALE AS NEEDED TO EXPAND YOUR OPPORTUNITIES
MOVE TIERS TO MEET NEEDS
Sibelius is designed to grow with you to support your creative aspirations and project needs. From the introductory (and free) Sibelius | First to the industry-standard Sibelius | Ultimate, you can add more notation capabilities and instrument parts to take on more creative opportunities by simply upgrading your subscription tier.

HAVE EVERYTHING ON ONE CREATIVE PLATFORM
Seamlessly move from desktop to tablet and back without ever having to import or export files. That’s because whether on mobile or desktop, you’re always in Sibelius. With files saved to iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, or other iOS-supported cloud service, you have easy anywhere access to all your ideas and scores.

ENABLE A HYBRID WORKFLOW
While Sibelius for mobile is fully featured, providing many of the same tools as its desktop counterpart, there are some notation and layout features only available in the desktop version (see the next page), making it an integral part of a complete workflow. Plus, the mobile version comes free with the desktop version, enabling you to work where and how you want.

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For educational institutions, Sibelius | Ultimate is available in two ways:
The Network License Server offers the greatest flexibility and usage optimization, enabling licenses to be checked out and back in at any time on any machine connected to the network—or even off the network. With standalone mode, you can install multiseat licenses the traditional way, with one license activated per designated computer—any one of which can be deactivated to free up a license for use on a new computer.

KICKSTART YOUR COMPOSITION WITH OPTIONS
Both Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate for desktop come with additional software, providing more ways to create. Audioscore Lite can turn CD tracks into digital notation for editing in Sibelius. Photoscore & NotateMe Lite turns printed music and notation from a PDF or image file into digital notation for editing in Sibelius. Both Sibelius and Sibelius | Ultimate are available in two ways:
Upgrade to Audioscore Ultimate and you can convert MIDI files to PhotoScore & NotateMe Ultimate to recognize handwritten music, slurs and ties, hairpins, articulation marks, and more. Both options are available for purchase in the online Avid Store and from Avid resellers.
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