

NOTATION SOFTWARE HANDOUT

Searching online for the "Best Music Notation Software - Under \$200.00" provided a review by Billy Bommer (Writer/Reviewer, February 9, 2018) provided the following: Important to note that all have Guitar Tabulation. All rank high for editing feature except MuseScore, rating a bit low. Music features--all are 10.

Notion 6 - \$149 Notion 6 is available for Mac and Windows computers and has all the important editing tools. You can input notes with a MIDI keyboard, virtual piano or virtual guitar fretboard.

Forte Home 9 - \$109 - Best Value

MuseScore is free, open-source notation software with the tools you need to make basic compositions. It isn't as customizable as the best programs, but it is a good way to learn how to notate music with software.

QuickScore Elite Level II - \$195

Magic Score Maestro8 - \$70

Sibelius First 8 - \$119

Finale PrintMusic for Windows - \$99 - Sibelius First is easy to use and has a good selection of composition templates to get you started on the road to using software to notate your music.

The premier software is:

FINALE - Version 25 - \$600

Also, previously mentioned is **Finale PrintMusic for Windows - \$99**

Finale offers a free trial version.

SIBELIUS

Perpetual License - \$599, new feature release for one year

Perpetual w/PhotoScore & NotateMe Ultimate - \$749

Perpetual w/PhotoScore & NotateMe & AudioScore - \$899

Sibelius First 8 - \$119

Sibelius offers a free trial version

Best Pick for Teachers to use in their studios is NOTEFLIGHT - Web Based

Noteflight Free w/10 scores

Noteflight Premium \$49

Noteflight Learn \$69 for 10 students, \$2 for each additional

Noteflight Learn Premium is unlimited

This program is accessible on any computer. When in the browser go to "Noteflite.com" and log in. This is the exciting feature of Noteflight. Because it is web based your account can be reached from any device that will access the web.

It is possible to use on an iPad or phone. Because the devices are smaller than a regular computer, it is not as easy to use, but it is possible.

Since the access is via the web, when Noteflight makes changes they are immediate and will be available to the user right away. This is key, there is no updating your device because the function is not on your device.

Use "notes.noteflight.com" to access their information blog. It is a special site with information for the users.

Noteflight Tutorial 2018, What Can Noteflight Premium Do for You

February 20, 2018 with John Mlynczyk and Robin McClellan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ja_gxI3474&t=20s

SOUNDTRAP

Software which is good to know, and is useful in companion with Noteflight

Tutorial - Michael Gray, November 21, 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVQQhO5bFPw>

BROWSER

It is recommended that you use "Google Chrome" for your browser.

TESTIMONIALS ABOUT NOTEFLIGHT

By Jena Root on December 5, 2014

"I've been a long-time user of Finale. I have tried Sibelius, Notion, MuseScore and pretty much all the other alternatives just to explore. However, none of them really captured me as much as Finale, which I have invested the most time on...until I encountered Noteflight. Although it does not give as many functions as the stand-alone apps, what intrigued me the most was its ease of use and focus on collaboration.

You can access to your scores anytime, anywhere, as long as you have the internet. Also, the basic score preparation can be done a bit quicker than the other apps, and that is a major thing because the speed matters in the professional world as much as the equality. Lastly being able to collaborate with people to edit scores is the best function of all. I think that function is especially helpful for composers with assistants, band musicians who are writing music together and music classes I highly recommend you try it out?"

By McLean on October 18, 2014

"Noteflight is a ground-breaking tool for musicians and music educators that I have been using extensively for several years. It combines an extremely powerful music notation application (think Finale or Sibelius) with the convenience of cloud computing (think Google Docs). Each score created is a shareable document that can be opened and edited anywhere! (laptops, phones, tablets). For my personal needs as a jazz musician I can share my original compositions with my band mates and have them access the scores for rehearsal

Noteflight has changed the way that I teach music and the way that my students learn. I am a full-time music teacher at an NYC middle and high school where all of my students learn how music works through creating their own compositions. Like no other technology Noteflight lets my students make creative choices about how they want their music to go without having to first haggle with music theory. They learn everything from music notation, consonance and dissonance, harmonic structures and progressions, melodic devices, key relationships, orchestration, musical form and musical history all from composing in Noteflight.

Because Noteflight scores live online I am able to easily give my students feedback directly on their scores. Noteflight's built-in discussion and comments features allow for the best aspects of social media. Not only can I give my students feedback but they can also talk with each other about their work. This capability had helped lead to the development of non-profit organization where I can include a community of composers all working and sharing together! As part of this program Noteflight makes it possible for us to bring in a chamber ensemble to perform each student's piece. Again, because the scores are shareable I can easily get over 80 pieces for each concert to the musicians. Noteflight's UI is both extremely user friendly and powerfully dynamic. The built-in, onscreen keyboard allows for note entry based on a piano keyboard. My student's love this! Notes can also be entered directly on the staff or by using the alpha-numeric keyboard. Editing features are on par with the most powerful notation editors. I've always been able to make my music look exactly as I've needed it to. Navigating my scores and organizing them in thoughtful and clear ways is super easy.

The exporting and sharing features for each score are tremendously helpful. Each Noteflight score has ready-made embed code that I use to put scores on my website and blog. The embeds not only look great but they can be played directly on the page!

Simply put, Noteflight is a game changer for me as a musician and as a teacher. I've used Sibelius and Finale extensively in the past but have not touched them over the last two years. The possibilities for what I can now bring to my music classroom are things I could only dream of just a few years ago!"