

# Using Digital Scores

Info Session

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# Why Consider Going Fully Digital?

- Never be without your complete library of sheet music on hand
  - For those last minute changes in rehearsal plans!
  - Always able to find your music quickly – search by song title, composer or concert program etc.
- Readily update scores when the MD changes his/her mind
  - New versions; new interpretations; Let's cut the boring section out...
- Avoid confusion from previous choristers' mark-ups
  - Full editing & colour-coding of your own notes / mark-ups
- Instant access to a world of sheet music
  - There's a digital web source for just about any title of personal interest
- Save on toner cartridges & leave the trees to capture CO<sub>2</sub>!
  - Avoids unnecessarily printing your scores

# Why Wouldn't You?

- Cost of a display device
  - Effective use generally requires a tablet size device \$150 - \$600+
  - There are phone-friendly app versions (iOS), but better suited for backup / emergency use
- May need to work a little harder to keep track of position in score
  - Using a single page window can lose some of the visual cues
  - Recognise and use app navigation tools
- Apps cost
  - Generally \$10 - \$20
- Forgetting to charge your device is fatal

# The digital environment - Source to Import

e.g.:



Paper

scanned image



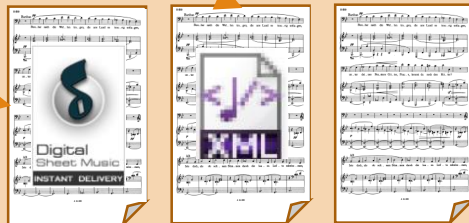
Sibelius

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musicnotes

purchase



multiple export formats...

.pdf file



Share /  
Distribute



Web  
site



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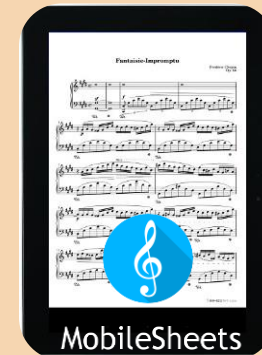
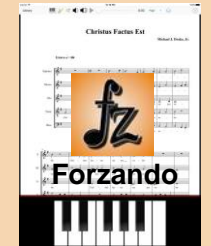


iCloud

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download  
& import

Device App  
Import



App-specific Libraries  
"Think of iTunes or Apple Photos  
for Scores"

# Music Score App Functions

## Import

- Initial Entry
  - Infer song name
  - Storage locations
  - Add to Setlists
  - Batch import
- Image optimisation
  - Crop pages
  - Page rotation
  - Reorder pages
  - Sharpening
- Audio Import
  - Track match

## Library Management

- Multi-Classification fields
  - Composer
  - Artist
  - Genre
  - Rating / Favourites
  - Albums
  - Key
  - Year
  - ...
- Search Filters
- Setlists
  - Ordered list of songs  
=> e.g. concert set
- Collections
  - Song groupings  
=> e.g. Xmas; a cappella ...
- Backup / Restore

## Reading Scores

- Visibility
  - Page orientation
  - Zoom / Full Screen
  - Text rendition settings
- Page Turn
  - Single page
  - Half-page
  - Dual page
  - System / Scrolling
- Navigation
  - Multi-page slider
  - Link points (e.g. D.S./D.C)
  - Book(Rehearsal)marks
- Performance Mode
  - Page turns only
  - Touch/Action customisation

## Annotations

- Pen/Tool type
  - Draw – freeform, line, rectangle, circle: thickness, colour, dash
  - Highlighter – colour, transparency
  - Eraser
  - Colour eyedropper
  - Stamp – symbols
  - Text
- Move/Resize/Copy
- Groups
  - Associate mark-ups

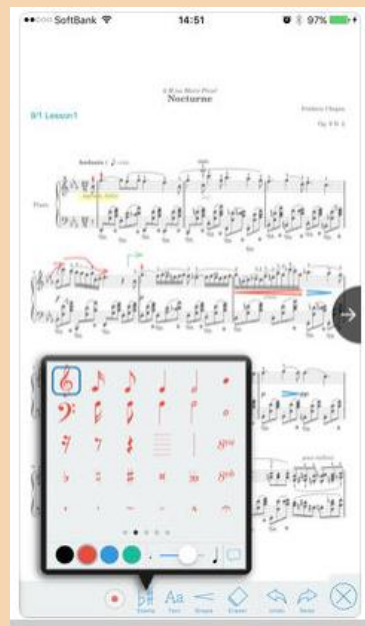
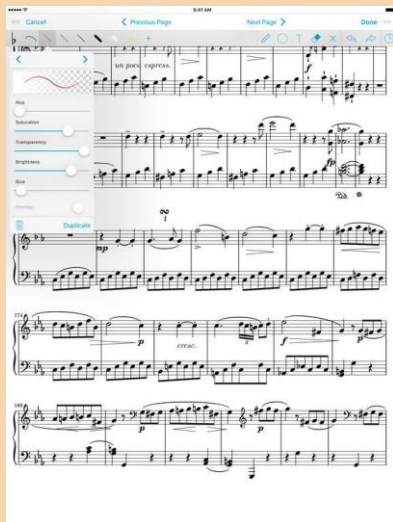
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## Tools

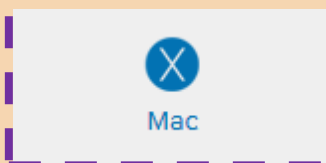
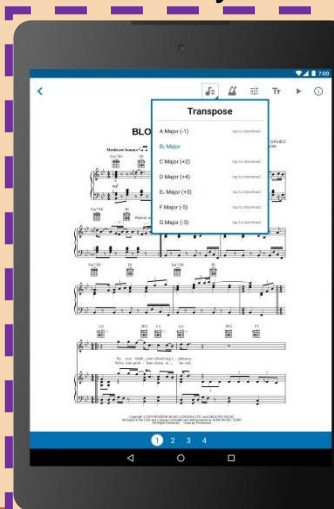
- Audio Player
- Metronome
- Chromatic Tuner
- Virtual Keyboard
- Device Connections

# App Range Examples

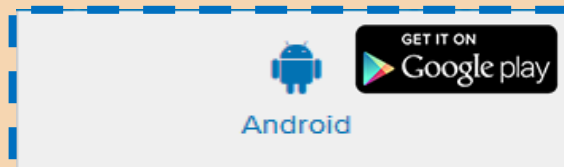
- ForScore \$14.99
- ForScore Mini \$10.99
- PiaScore IAP – Tools \$3.99
- Forzando \$7.99



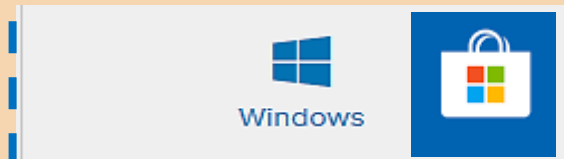
- Musicnotes Pro\* Plus subscription - \$20.94/yr



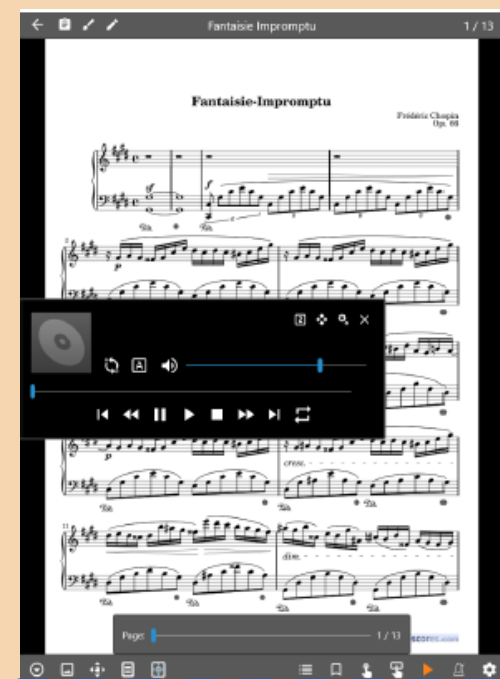
\*Pro Plus on iOS required for PDF capabilities



- Mobile Sheets \$19.45



- Mobile Sheets \$17.99





MobileSheets Demo

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