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Instant MuseScore



Synopsis

MuseScore is a free and Libre music notation program, suitable for everyone from music students to professionals. In recent years, MuseScore has established itself as one of the leading score-writers for those looking to take the quality of their sheet music to the next level. From large-scale orchestral works to short piano/vocal songs, MuseScore makes the process easy so you can focus on the music instead of the technology. Instant MuseScore takes readers through the process of notating music in a simple and straightforward manner. Starting with the basics and adding tips to our toolbox as we go, we learn to utilize the most important features of MuseScore. Instant MuseScore will help you become familiar with the tools that you will need to make great music whether or not you have used music notation software before. This book will introduce you to the key features of MuseScore, and shows you how to typeset very complicated scores while steering clear of some common trouble spots. You will start by understanding the most notable features that will help you to enter music into MuseScore. Using these as a base, we will explore additional techniques necessary for more complex projects, and learn how to give your score a professional touch. Towards the end of the book, you will be confident enough to create quality sheet music and natural-looking scores with an unbeatable software package. Approach Get to grips with a new technology, understand what it is and what it can do for you, and then get to work with the most important features and tasks. Instant MuseScore is written in an easy-to follow format, packed with illustrations that will help you get started with this music composition software. Who this book is for This book is for musicians who would like to learn how to notate music digitally with MuseScore. Readers should already have some knowledge about musical terminology; however, no prior experience with music notation software is necessary.

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Customer Reviews

I am the type of person that prefers to sit down with a book to learn something rather than wade through help files and frequent forums. When I found myself needing to learn MuseScore, I naturally turned to to see what was available. Not much, but I wasn't really expecting a lot for a free program. I did find this book, though, and immediately ordered it. I waited for it to come in and was surprised when the package arrived. It is tiny! It contains only 39 pages of "useful" text and some filler. For the price paid, I figured I had been taken. Still, something was better than nothing and I began to work through it. It really did not take much "work". This is a very brief, very light treatment of a highly capable application. Even so, upon completion, I feel that I can make a creditable effort at doing what I need to do. Don't expect exercises and lessons. They aren't there. Think of this book as the "Quick Start" version of an instruction manual that used to come with a product in the "good old days." This book will not make you an expert but it will certainly guide you through the interface and basic capabilities. I believe it is a bit overpriced for what you get but, upon reflection, it has been worthwhile to me.

I'll just admit it. MuseScore is a free program. It simply is not going to have the features of its \$300+ colleagues Finale and Sibelius and it certainly isn't the most user-friendly program... at least not at first. Instant MuseScore is exactly what I needed: a quick summary of the basics of MuseScore with the advanced features where I can find them as I need them. Not too wordy, not too vague, just right for what I needed. I highly recommend it if you're working with MuseScore in any capacity.

This book is based on the 1.xx series of MuseScore. Although the material in it is mostly valid, the 2.xx versions are much more to my liking, and books written about them, as well as the MuseScore 2.0 documentation do a better job of describing the features.

First off, if Nicolas Froment, MuseScore's CTO, was a reviewer for this book, then you know it's gotta be good :) He's helped me personally, several times, with getting started with MuseScore and knows what he's talking about. I was pleased to see there's an installation section for Linux :) One thing I can totally agree with the author on is learning the keyboard shortcuts--composing will go much faster.

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