

Tablet Use for Music Making & Teaching

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WHY USE A TABLET?

- All of the music at every rehearsal
- PAGE TURNS–foot pedal, touch or gesture
- Pencil–marking tools, highlight, colors, accidentals, text, etc
- Recordings and metronome
- Never need a light
- Safer on a windy day, no issues with page turns or blowing music
- Reducing paper/clutter–all music is with you all of the time
- Easily share or scan music.

DIFFICULTIES WITH TABLETS

- Pedal usage can be difficult for some people (it is optional)
- Annotation process has to be learned.
- Sunlight/heat in outdoor performances may limit use
- Battery life–must be meticulous about this!!
- Wobbly music stands that are not strong enough to hold a heavy tablet
- Computer glitches
- Moving seats during a performance is cumbersome to move a pedal, stand and instrument
- Glare–(Can purchase an anti glare screen cover)

Are you a good candidate for digitizing music?

- Not afraid of technology or learning new tech
- Know where to go for support
- Are in many groups with a lot of folders and sheet music
- Want an easier way to turn pages
- Need extra light on music
- Want easy access to music without searching through bookshelves
- Desire to add goal setting accountability to your practice

<p style="text-align: center;">ANDROID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tablet/Computer \$250–\$750 Many options. Get the largest screen size possible. (younger players do use the small ones) ● Foot Pedal options on Amazon for \$30–\$200 ● Active Stylus Pen \$15 (Amazon) ● Mobile Sheets - \$16 one time ● MuseScore - \$50 yearly ● MusicNotes - \$50 yearly 	<p style="text-align: center;">APPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MacBook Air \$749 –\$1,500 ● Ipad \$350–\$1200 ● Stylus often included \$10–\$20 ● Apple pencil - \$100 ● Tablet case \$15–\$75 ● Music stand \$30–\$130 ● forScore - \$25 one time ● forScore Pro - \$15 yearly ● Mobile Sheets - \$16 one time ● MuseScore - \$50 yearly
<p>Scanning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scan by phone in to Google Drive Folder and upload to application ● Scan on a scanner (printer). Place hard copy music on scanner and upload to folder or application ● ipad camera scans directly into forScore 	<p style="text-align: center;">WIFI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Needed for uploading from Drive Folder to Application ● Not needed for using during rehearsal or performance

FINAL WORDS OF ADVICE

- When starting out, go slowly. Be patient with yourself and the technology.
- Make sure you have a buddy that can be helpful. Google and youtube can be helpful too.
- Pick one set of practice music or ensemble to start out.
- Build redundancies into your system.
 - Bring hard copies with you. *Have charging options available.

FAQ

- What's the risk of something going wrong?
 - **Battery not charged (has happened once to ER)**
 - **Computer freezes (has not happened during a rehearsal to ER)**
- How hard is it to annotate quickly during a rehearsal?
 - **RS takes hand written notes, ER just moves fast :)**
- How hard is it to get music into the program?
 - **There are a number of steps and it takes time to become familiar with the procedure. ER can now do this in less than a minute for a 2-4 page piece.**