

## Choral Sight Reading Using Finale & SmartMusic: A Never Ending Source!

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### 1. SmartMusic: Things “Ready To Use!”

- Rhythms in Exercises: Clap Rhythms and SM will Assess - for Choir or Individual Students (SM 10 will input the score into your grade book for each student!)
- Melodies in Exercises: Select Any Type of Scale or Intervals - Sight Read ON Screen or Print for Class (SR *a cappella* or with SM Accompaniment)
- Method Books: Sight Read 100’s of On Screen Melodies
- Warm-Up: Use Keyboard for Visual/Aural Interval Drill
- Use “Loop” in On Screen Scales in EXERCISES for Choirs to quickly read EVERY Key SIGNATURE in the Circle of 5ths.

*Benefits: Focus Student Attention, Save Paper, and Time Handing Out SR Materials! On Screen Cursor that moves “On the Beat” is critical in helping students integrate the concept that the rhythmic pulse is continuous. Using Metronome “Click ON” reinforces a steady beat.*

### 2. Compose “What You Need” in Finale 2007

Choral: ANY Voicing; Use Choral Templates, or Customize Your Own

- Use MSHSAA SR Guidelines - Compose for your school size
- Isolate Concepts Important for Your Group to Master and Incorporate into SR examples.
- All District Choir SATB Part Specific SR Practice Samples: Compose 5 meas. examples; Individual students SR their part: Use Finale’s STUDIO VIEW and MUTE the part they are singing.

*Benefits: Create unlimited examples easily by changing the key, some harmonies and rhythms. SAVE as a different name, such as SATB 5 measure #15.*

Single Line Melodies: Any Concepts, Intervals/maj/min.

- EXERCISES are “Ready to Customize” for your needs. Print and SAVE, if desired, or show SR On SCREEN

*Bonus: #6201 in Finale is #6201 in SmartMusic. Accompaniment already exists, if desired, to use while sight reading. You must use Finale '06 to create files for SmartMusic 9.1. (SmartMusic files created in Finale '07 will be compatible with the new SmartMusic 10.0, which will be shipping in early 2007.*

- Educator Templates: Auto Stick Notation for Solfege
- Incorporate Pitch Numbers w/Lyric Tool  
*Benefit: Save time and precious budget \$ by creating your own materials for SR assessment, substitute teachers, and curriculum. Create materials reinforcing teacher's SR method of choice.*

### 3. Create SmartMusic Files in Finale:

Use Finale's SmartMusic Wizard to Create Ensemble Files

- In SM, use "Instrumentation" to Choose Voices/Parts to Hear or Leave Out
- Use for SR Assessments/Record/Save w/SM
- Assign SR to All Students: Automatically set up SR assignments to be sent on selected dates to all students with HOME SmartMusic Subscriptions. Students not able to have SM at home can complete SR at school SM stations.
- Use ON SCREEN Notation and also e-mail to students for additional SR Practice or Assessments. Students can Record /SAVE and upload to instructor's IMPACT gradebook. SM 10 IMPACT automatically enters student scores!
- Create Extra Credit SR available at school for Any Students who desire additional SR practice.

### 4. Finale Showcase: FREE!

- Go to [www.finaleshowcase.com](http://www.finaleshowcase.com)
- Choose Voicing/Style of Selections for Possible SR
- Click on Pieces of Interest-Automatically Opens in Finale. SAVE pieces choir might SR on flash drive/Desktop
- PRINT or Show On SCREEN, if possible for SR.

*Benefits: Choose from 1000's of Pieces for ANY VOICINGS for FREE!*

### Resources

Finale – [www.finalemusic.com](http://www.finalemusic.com)

SmartMusic - [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com)

Laura Vaughan - [lvaughan@jeffco.edu](mailto:lvaughan@jeffco.edu)

Educators Technology Central – SmartMusic lesson plans

[www.nottelmannmusic.com/educatorstechnologycentral.html](http://www.nottelmannmusic.com/educatorstechnologycentral.html)