

# Creating SmartMusic Accompaniments Using Finale and MIDI Files for Your Jazz Band-Teaching Tips



**Subject Area:** Jazz Band

**Grade Range:** 7-12

**Materials Needed:** Finale, SmartMusic, PA System, 3<sup>rd</sup> party MIDI creating software (ex. Band in the Box)

- **Post files on the school's website**
- **Use SmartMusic's "record" feature so the student can hear and analyze his/her solo**
- **Use SmartMusic rehearsal markers to making "looping" between unison lines easier.**
- **Use the "Customize" button, click on "Instrumentation" to add or subtract staves so the rhythm section can play a long, too**