



Aid Augments Sibelius with AI-powered Auto-complete Chord Symbols

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Latest software release provides cutting-edge functionality to speed up chord notation workflows

BURLINGTON, Mass., Aug. 31, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Avid®](#) (Nasdaq: AVID) is announcing the new release today of its [Sibelius® music notation software](#), Sibelius 2023.8, upgraded to allow users to add auto-complete chord symbols to their scores.

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(Excerpt)

Slowly, with rubato (♩ = 70) Duo Tandem

The image displays a musical score for two guitars. The top staff is labeled 'Guitar 1' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Guitar 2'. Both staves are in 4/4 time and marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. Above the staff for Guitar 1, three chord symbols are suggested: 'C' (with a confidence score of 100%), 'Dm' (with a confidence score of 100%), and 'Dm/F' (with a confidence score of 100%). Above the staff for Guitar 2, two chord symbols are suggested: 'Dm' (with a confidence score of 100%) and 'Dm' (with a confidence score of 100%). The score includes a tempo marking 'Slowly, with rubato (♩ = 70)' and the text 'Duo Tandem' in the top right corner. The score is numbered '20' at the beginning. The guitar parts are written in standard notation with fret numbers indicated below the staff lines.

Incorporating a sophisticated artificial intelligence (AI) model, the latest release auto-completes chord symbols above the staff as users click through bars and notes of their score. By analyzing the surrounding music for harmonic context, Sibelius can add suggested chord symbols to music of all textures—from full polyphonic sections to simple one-line melodies—speeding up chord notation workflows.

“Until now, entering chord symbols and chord diagrams into Sibelius—even assisted by a plugin—has been a manual process,” explains Sam Butler, Director of Product Management, Avid. “Our new AI-driven feature makes it quick and easy to add chord symbols to existing music, while giving the user complete flexibility to manage the process. It’s like having an interactive session with a harmony professor at your fingertips.”

Users can ask Sibelius to input chord symbols either at the start of each bar or after each note. If the harmony is ambiguous, or if users disagree with a suggested chord symbol, Sibelius can instantaneously present other plausible chord suggestions with a simple click.

Where Sibelius detects multiple chord symbol possibilities, it indicates the number of suggestions and displays a “confidence score” for each. Users can simply scroll through the plausible possibilities before making their choice.

The local AI model driving the chord symbol suggestion has been specially trained from several public datasets, using music by Bach, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, with smaller sets by Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov and Max Reger.

The update is available—across Windows, Mac, iPhone, and iPad—to all Sibelius users with a current subscription or Software Updates + Support Plan on their perpetual license, with the new chord symbol feature available on all desktop platforms. Future updates to Sibelius will continue to make music composition faster and easier than ever. Learn more at www.avid.com/sibelius.

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Guitar 1

Guitar 2

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