

Avid Delivers Effortless Music Composition with Sibelius 8.2

Latest software update includes the customer community's most requested features, enabling composers to create the highest-quality music scores quickly and easily

BURLINGTON, Mass., March 31, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Avid®</u> (Nasdaq:AVID) today announced the new <u>Sibelius®</u> 8.2 music notation software, offering composers significant engraving and workflow enhancements to effortlessly create beautiful, accurate, easy-to-read scores. As part of a series of regular updates delivered through Avid All Access plans, Sibelius 8.2 introduces several of the customer community's top requests, demonstrating Avid's commitment to listening to the needs of customers—a key tenet of <u>Avid Everywhere™</u>.

"Sibelius is the world's best-selling music notation software, and the Sibelius 8.2 update introduces some great notation improvements, including several enhancements requested by customers since our 8.1 release," said Dana Ruzicka, vice president and chief product officer at Avid. "This demonstrates our dedication to responding to the community's feedback and providing solutions quickly. And thanks to the analytics and error reporting we introduced in 8.1, Sibelius is now more stable than ever."

Sibelius offers sophisticated yet easy-to-use tools that are proven and trusted by composers, arrangers, publishers, educators, and students alike. New updates to Sibelius 8.2 that make music composition even faster and easier than ever include:

- Re-spelling of notes in parts—It's now possible to have the same pitched note have a different accidental in a part versus the score.
- Time signatures before repeat lines—By default, time signature changes now appear after the barline, but before repeat barlines.
- Slide and move notes and rests—Notes and rests can now be moved horizontally in the score, with new keyboard shortcuts that simplify the process, eliminating time spent cutting and pasting music around staves.

In addition, Avid has added two new Sibelius bundles, offering composers even greater value by adding powerful capabilities to their notation workflows at a reduced price. The Sibelius + PhotoScore & NotateMe Ultimate Bundle enables customers to scan sheet music into Sibelius and handwrite music and notes using a pen and tablet. The Sibelius + AudioScore Ultimate Bundle enables customers to turn recorded audio or live mic performances into transcribed music notation.

Whether customers choose to own, upgrade, or subscribe to Sibelius, their purchase comes with an Avid All Access plan, providing access to regular feature releases, stability improvements, and expert help for the duration of their plan or subscription.

To learn more about Sibelius, visit: www.avid.com/sibelius.

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