

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER: DO YOU USE ANY MUSIC TECHNOLOGY?**  
Do you use any apps or online music services for theory, composition, play-a-long, etc?

**APPS**

- IRealPro: great for improvisation practice. Great way to teach the 12-bar blues. Start with C blues scale, improvise using 2 notes, then 3, etc. Can also easily transpose. Costs about \$20. I use it on iPad.
- Tenuto: Music theory software includes elementary through advanced note reading, intervals, chords, scales; identification, construction and 'playing'. Can adjust by key signature, note range, clefs. Costs about \$6. Can be used on iPad and iPhones.
- Musescore: FREE music notation software. Incredibly versatile. Create exercise worksheets, lead sheets, piano scores, piano/vocal arrangements. PLUS, you can create OFF-STAFF scores for beginning pianists! Not always intuitive, but incredibly versatile. Many of my students use Musescore.
- Sibelius First: The free downloadable version allows you to write music with up to 4 staves. If you want more than that, it's subscription based. Sibelius does have a large orchestral library which Musescore does not.
- Dorico: Finale was discontinued this year and 'replaced' by Dorico. Cost is \$100. Available for MacOS, Windows and iPad. Haven't tried it yet.

**WEBSITES**

- VibrantMusicTeaching.com: Subscription based for full benefits. Games, worksheets, teaching tips, international community.
- SusanParadis.com: Subscription based for full benefits. Games, worksheets, original music, theory worksheets.
- Feierabendmusic.org: A Tuneful, Beatful, Artful Community. Membership based organization focused on early childhood education; but lots of freebies too.
- PianoPantry.com: Subscription based for full benefits. Lots of freebies too.
- TherapySource.com: Found this website when I was struggling with how to help a young child with severe fine motor issues. Lots of resources, free and for purchase – worksheets, books, blog – on a variety of topics – sensory, fine motor, OT/PT, brain breaks...use this one a lot! Another favorite is an exercise on bilateral coordination which can be downloaded for free.
- MusiciansWay.com: Lots of information on performance, practice, wellness, creativity, careers.