MFun: Music Fundamentals

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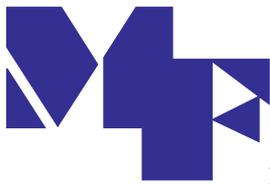
MFun: Music Fundamentals
is the ideal interactive eText (and so much more!):

. . . for traditional classroom-taught courses.

. . . for online, distance-learning, "flipped," and blended-learning courses.

. . . for independent, self-directed learning.

MFun *is perfect for:*

- Introductory and remedial courses for music majors arriving at college or university with inadequate theory preparation
- College and university courses for non-majors in general musicianship
- College- and university-bound students preparing for theory placement exams
- Individuals scoring poorly on entrance exams who must be "brought up to speed" before tackling college-level theory
- High school courses in music fundamentals for aspiring music majors
- Anyone wanting to learn the basic vocabulary and syntax of Western music

MFun *gives students a thorough grounding in the basics of music*

- Assuming students may have no previous knowledge of music, Dr. Sayrs begins with pre-notation concepts of pulse and pitch.
- The first half of the eText presents the "nuts and bolts" of pitch, keyboard, notation, rhythm and meter, major and minor scales and keys, then puts it all into context with a chapter devoted to melody.
- The second half adds the harmonic underpinnings, covering intervals, triads, and seventh chords, and concluding with an introduction to part writing.
- Computer-scored *Drills* and *Quizzes* throughout ensure that students understand the materials as they are presented before moving on.

MFun *is student-friendly*

- **MFun: Music Fundamentals** is the ideal "textbook" for today's tech-savvy students, who would rather interact with a computer than passively read a printed book.
- Students may download and install MFun on any number of computers, both Macintosh and Windows.
- Each student purchases MFun online at **www.macgamut. com**, receiving a unique Registration Number.
- After registering online with that number, the student downloads a personalized *Transcript* file, which serves as his/her "key" to access MFun and also maintains a single, complete record of that individual's work.
- Simply by transporting this personal *Transcript* file from one machine to another, a student can move freely among installations on various computers and platforms, resuming work each time right where he/she left off.
- Because the entire MFun package is installed on each computer, students can work on the eText even when they have no internet access. Interactive response time and audio fidelity are not dependent on connection speed.
- Students play audio files instantly with a simple on-screen click: much less cumbersome than accessing sound files from an audio CD accompanying a print textbook.
- The built-in sound files include many extended excerpts from repertoire, illustrating theory concepts *through real music*.
- The 100+ computer-scored *Self-tests*, *Drills*, and *Quizzes* give students a real-time assessment of their grasp of the material that no conventional workbook can equal.

MFun *is the instructor's best friend*

- Because all *Drills* and *Quizzes* are computer-scored, ***they require no instructor grading!***
- You can duplicate the *Written Exercises* for use as ready-made in-class worksheets.
- You can easily assess individual effort and accomplishment by requiring students to submit their personalized Transcript files periodically.
- Using *Open Transcripts*, you can instantly unencrypt and export the data for an entire class to a spreadsheet.
- Though MFun may be installed and used just as downloaded, you have the option of using *Create Settings* to adjust various operational parameters, fine-tuning the eText to suit your student population and to complement your own pedagogical preferences and goals.

MFun *is a complete, stand-alone package*

- The MFun *Text* (500+ screens) keeps students engaged with hundreds of musical examples they can both see and hear.
- An on-screen *Virtual Keyboard* enables students to explore the relationship between pitch and the piano keyboard.
- Fifteen interactive *Self Tests* offer immediate reinforcement for newly-presented concepts.
- Forty-four interactive *Drills* furnish a rich learning experience, offering valuable feedback to each student response, and inviting students to correct a wrong response. Students can continue work on each drill until they are confident they have mastered the material.
- Forty-five interactive *Quizzes* test mastery of the same materials covered by the corresponding drills, generating a new quiz for each student and for each time a student retakes a quiz. Nine of these quizzes are time-limited, requiring students to "beat the clock" to prove their fluency in basic skills.
- Forty *Written Exercise* modules offer more than 100 printable "workbook" pages for use in class or as written homework.
- The *Glossary* provides quick access to definitions for more than 175 music-theory terms.
- Using *myNotes*, students can write their own notes on each chapter. They can share chapter notes with classmates and/or instructors.
- Each student's *Transcript* file automatically records individual effort and achievement in a secure, encrypted format.
- Students can print their own *Staff Paper* as needed; they don't even need to buy a pad of staff paper!

MFun *is a real bargain!*

- A student purchasing the complete **MFun: Music Fundamentals** package online pays *only $40!*
- If students band together to make a single Web purchase of 5 or more MFun eText downloads, they receive a 20% quantity discount for a net cost of *only $32 each!*
- As an adopting instructor, you will receive a complimentary Instructor-use-only Registration Number for yourself as well as password-protected access to download the *Instructor Materials*, which permit you to customize the eText and Quizzes for your students, and to read and verify their *Transcript* files.

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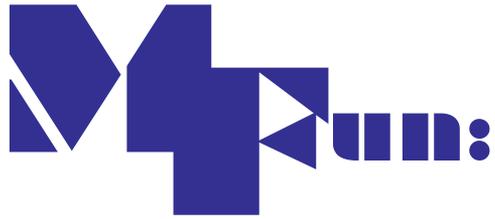
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- Through the **Register** link, the student will enter that assigned Registration Number to create and download a personalized **Transcript.mft** file which gives him/her access to the installed eText and keeps track of individual effort and achievement on **MFun**.

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