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## MAKEMUSIC RELEASES NEW VERSION OF FINALE PRINTMUSIC

Finale PrintMusic is the affordable way to make music notation that looks and sounds great

**Minneapolis – May 1, 2014** – MakeMusic, Inc. announced today the release of PrintMusic 2014, a new version of the popular music notation software. Based on Finale, the world's most trusted professional music notation software, this updated version of PrintMusic offers new functionality, support for current operating systems and file compatibility with Finale 2012, Finale 2014 and future versions of Finale.

"PrintMusic has always represented a great value for anyone wishing to share music notation," stated Karen VanDerBosch, MakeMusic chief executive officer. "This new version is a major update showing our continued investment in the future of our suite of notation products and refining PrintMusic with a clean new interface, improved Mac OS<sup>®</sup> X support and a quicker path to excellent music notation."

Long recognized for its ease-of-use, Finale PrintMusic offers the essential features of Finale for just \$119.95 (upgrades from previous versions are just \$39.95). Notes can be entered with a computer keyboard, a MIDI keyboard, and by scanning existing sheet music. Orchestrations of up to 24 staves can be created, and individual instrument parts can be extracted. PrintMusic offers high-quality playback with built-in sounds, support for additional VST/AU instruments and MakeMusic's exclusive Human Playback. In addition to printing sheet music, PrintMusic can also create audio and graphic files, Finale files (which can be shared with all Finale products, including the free Finale Notepad) as well as MIDI and MusicXML, which can be shared with hundreds of other music programs.

Highlights new to PrintMusic 2014 include:

- PrintMusic's **Score Manager** provides instant access to how staves look and playback, making it easy, for example, to change a staff from *Alto Sax* to *Horn in F*.
- A fresh **New Interface** including an updated, modern look to PrintMusic's mixer, playback controls and palettes (which now lock on Macs, too).
- Automatic Range Checking offers instant visual feedback when notes are written out of the range of beginner, intermediate or advanced players.
- **Notation Improvements** include easily hidden staves and refined placement of rests and accidentals when music appears in multiple layers.
- **Beat-Assigned Smart Shapes**, including hairpins and trills, automatically attach to a desired "beat" and snap into place.
- PrintMusic's New File Format empowers musicians to share music back and forth with users of Finale 2014 and 2012 files, and offers even more flexibility for tomorrow.
- Under the hood, PrintMusic's **Mac OS**<sup>®</sup> **X Support** has been updated. Visible benefits include full screen mode, pinch zoom, drag-scrolling, text entry via voice dictation and basic Retina support.
- Additional enhancements include mid-measure clefs, Unicode text support & entry, import/export of PDF graphics, Finale Lyrics font, scanning improvements and much more.

Upgrade to PrintMusic 2014 today at <u>finalemusic.com/printmusic</u>. PrintMusic is also available through music resellers worldwide, with exclusive distribution in North America, the United Kingdom, India, Australia and New Zealand through Alfred Music, who offer product information and downloads at alfred.com/printmusic.

## About MakeMusic, Inc.

MakeMusic<sup>®</sup>, Inc. is a world leader in music technology whose mission is to develop and market solutions that transform how music is composed, taught, learned, and performed. For 25 years, **Finale**<sup>®</sup> has been the industry standard in music notation software, enabling musicians worldwide to create, edit, audition, print, and publish musical scores. MakeMusic's **SmartMusic**<sup>®</sup> interactive music learning software transforms the way students practice. With an online library of thousands of band, orchestra, and vocal pieces, students practice with background accompaniment and receive immediate feedback on their performance. Teachers leverage SmartMusic to individualize instruction and document the progress of every student. MakeMusic mobile apps include **Finale Songbook**<sup>®</sup> and **SmartMusic on iPad**<sup>®</sup>. MakeMusic is also the creator of **Garritan**<sup>®</sup> sound libraries, providing state-of-the-art virtual instruments with the playback quality of a live performance, and **MusicXML**<sup>™</sup>, the internet-friendly way to publish musical scores, distribute interactive sheet music, and share music notation with a wide variety of software programs. Additional information about this Minnesota company can be found at <u>www.makemusic.com</u>.

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