



QUICK START GUIDE

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WHAT IS MUSÉIK?

Muséik (pronounced mew ZAY ik) is a digital media control platform developed by Ion Concert Media to replace click tracks, video chapters, and other cueing solutions. Muséik is completely tempo-sensitive, allowing the music to move at its own pace while the digital media (video, audio and lights) follows seamlessly. It has been used around the world by bands, theaters, orchestras and choirs from grade schools all the way up to the world's biggest stages.



WHAT TO EXPECT

Muséik is different from other platforms. Set-up of the software and Show Files can be confusing. This Quick Start Guide was developed to help make the process easier. Once the platform is installed it is extremely intuitive and able to be mastered in less than 20 minutes. The software has been operated in public performance by children as young as 10 years old, yet it is sophisticated enough to be respected by world class artists and technicians.



INSTALLATION

1. Download the Muséik installer and your Show Files.
2. Open the Muséik installer and follow the prompts. The Muséik program should be placed in your applications folder.
3. **WINDOWS MACHINES ONLY:** A new folder called Museik (no accent) should be placed in your Documents folder. Inside of that folder is a second folder titled Library. If these folders did not install automatically you can create them. The file path will be: User/Documents/Museik/Library.
4. **WINDOWS MACHINES ONLY:** **Unzip** your Show Files (show files have a .ion extension). Move them into the Library folder. Your show files may **not** be in a subfolder within the Library folder.
5. **MAC MACHINES ONLY:** You may store your Show Files anyplace on your hard drive. The software can access them from any location.

NOTE: *The creation of the Library folder and physically placing your Show Files into the Library folder are two steps that trip up first-time users. If you are using a Windows machine it is critical that your Show Files be stored in the proper location so that the software can find them.*



OPERATION

1. Open the Muséik software.
2. There are eight or twelve media bays, each labelled "ADD TRACK". Click on the first "ADD TRACK" text. A new window will open. Navigate to the location where your Show Files are stored (Documents/Museik/Library for Windows users).
3. Select a title and click Open. Now "ADD TRACK" has changed to the title of your Show File. You have successfully loaded a media file to a media bay. To arm the file, simply click the small circle to the left. The score will populate in the top window and you are ready to go. NOTE: The software will take a moment to check the time license. During that time you will see a status bar or a spinning pinwheel.
4. Press the space bar and the file will begin to play. Use the Tempo Slider (big red slider on right) to control the playback speed. The objective is to make sure the notes passing under the red Now Bar in the score field match what is being played on stage. If they do, all your media is synchronized.



TIPS

1. Set Muséik up on stage. Treat it like a musical instrument. The secret of Muséik is that it allows your digital media to behave exactly like a musician. Don't put it where you would not place a musician (like the control room).
2. Click on "MIXER" to access audio controls, click "SETTINGS" for OSC and Replaceable Files functions (Muséik 3.2).
3. Practice using YouTube videos of the music. But please note: syncing to YouTube videos is *MUCH, MUCH* harder than syncing to a live ensemble.