MusicTime
General Overview

MusicTime's main window is the Score window. The Score window is where the staves and music appear. Along the top of the window are buttons for editing tools as well as buttons for record, play back and stop. The top of the Score window is also used to show a range of icons representing the pages in your score and the current measure and MIDI Thru channel in use.

In addition to the Score window, there is also a Staff Sheet window. The Staff Sheet is used to configure the MIDI selections for each staff as well as name and organize the staves in your system. The Staff Sheet window displays the settings for the active score and will update when a new score is opened.

A selection of palettes containing the many tools and symbols you'll use when working with your scores is available from the Window's menu. You can open as many of the palettes as you like and arrange them on your screen. If you are short on space, you can also "cycle" though the palettes by clicking on either the left or right side of the palette at the top. MusicTime will change the palette to display the next unopened palette available.

With the many palettes available and the different arrangement possibilities, MusicTime uses a "preferences" file to remember how everything is arranged. When you choose "save preferences" from the Setup menu, the current arrangement is saved and used each time you start the program. Many other settings are saved as well, particularly the ones in the Setup menu itself.

Many of MusicTime's tools and features have special "shortcut" keys that allow you to use the tools more efficiently. The tutorial and additional files included with this demo provide more information about some of the shortcuts provided. There is also a QWERTY keyboard window that allows you to imitate a piano by "playing" notes into MusicTime using the letters on your computer keyboard.

The best way to learn more about MusicTime is to use the Tutorial to get started. Several methods for entering and editing material in MusicTime are discussed. If you need more information about using MIDI with MusicTime there is a special file called "MusicTime and MIDI" which

explains more about using MIDI drivers with Windows.

Whatever your notation needs, MusicTime has the tools and power and to help you quickly and easily turn your music ideas into beautiful printed sheet music. Follow the tutorial and additional files along as you learn why so many people enjoy making music with MusicTime.