

WRITING MUSIC (as of 19.8.2017/19.1.2018)

1. Write partcell (compose/arrange)

- Write all potential voices
- Add all articulation (use special NWC articulation accord'g to *Adjust Performance* tool)
- Add all common dynamics

2. Instrumentation

- a. Mark main melody lines (will determine main instrumentation)
- b. Mark instrument assignments
- c. Check playability/singability of all voices
 - Breathing breaks for singers/wind instruments, other „technical breaks“
 - „Bad intervals“
 - Check how to get lead tones from other voices (vocal voices)

3. Check concert pitch voices

- a. ... all ranges for all voices → *ShowRanges* tool
 - ... against known ability of singers/players
 - Short notes of Eb-Clar = e" ...**f#**", B-Clar = h' ...**c#**", Bass-Clar = h° ...**c#**'
 - Short notes of ASax = d' ...**e**', TSax = a° ...**h**°, BSax = d° ...**e**°
- b. ... of chord notes against partcell
 - Per „choir“ (group of chord-playing instruments, e.g. clarinets)
 - Minimal distances between notes in bass
- c. ... strict identical notes for segments intended to be equal
 - Notes
 - Articulation
 - Dynamics
- d. ... formal voice leading
 - Parallels (usually only check outer/leading voices)
 - Correct cadenzas
- e. ... articulation symbols of all voices
 - Present and correct
- f. ... identical markers over all voices
 - Accidentals
 - Articulation
 - Dynamics
- g. ... of single voices
 - Whole rests → multi-bar rests

4. Transpose concert pitch voices → instrument-pitched voices

- a. Transpose („Check note“ of NWC template must become middle c)
- b. Notes use correct heads
- c. Transform playing articulation to score articulation → *AdjustPerf* tool
- d. Clean up multi-staff voices (e.g. for percussion, harp, piano)
- e. Add rehearsal markers for all voices

5. Check instrumental voices

- a. ... for correct notation
 - E.g. stems, accidentals (special rules: horns, timpani), overlapping notes
 - Courtesy accidentals
 - Clefs; Tenor might use octave-shifted treble clef
 - Transposition of transposed voices
- b. ... all articulation symbols of all voices
 - Present and correct
- c. ... lyrics
 - Spelling
 - All verses present
 - Same note/text distribution as in other scores (e.g. church hymnbook)
- d. ... measure numbers (against other used scores, e.g. for instrumentalists)
- e. ... beauty and usability of score
 - E.g. page turn locations, visual appeal of last page
- f. ... single voices
 - Cue notes from other voices
 - Whole rests → multi-bar rests – take care of cue notes
- g. ... of configuration for MP3 rendering
 - Tempi – e.g. shuffle rhythms, especially at triplets
 - Sound(font) of instruments
 - Overlapping MIDI channels

6. Printing

- a. Print conductor's score
 - Typical font size 9.5...11pt – all voices must fit on one page
 - Measure Numbers = No, Staff Labels = All Systems
- b. Single voices / choral scores
 - Typically 18pt...19pt (for ensemble, preferably all identical)
 - Measure Numbers = Plain, Staff Labels = None