

## FINDING BAND MUSIC

- 1) Double-click on the SmartMusic icon on your desktop.



\*\*\*NOTE: You may receive an error message when the program starts. Just click "OK"\*\*\*

- 2) Click on "Find Music" then click on "Music Library"



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- 3) Click on the "Finale Created Files" tab at the top of the window



- 4) Click on the "Band Music" folder in the left margin



- 5) Click the icon for the piece you want to play



## FINDING MUSIC FROM THE LESSON BOOK

- 1) Double-click on the SmartMusic icon on your desktop.



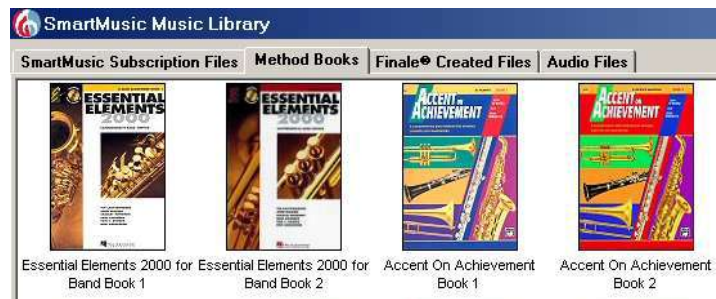
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2) When SmartMusic opens, click “Find Music” then click “Band and String Method Books”

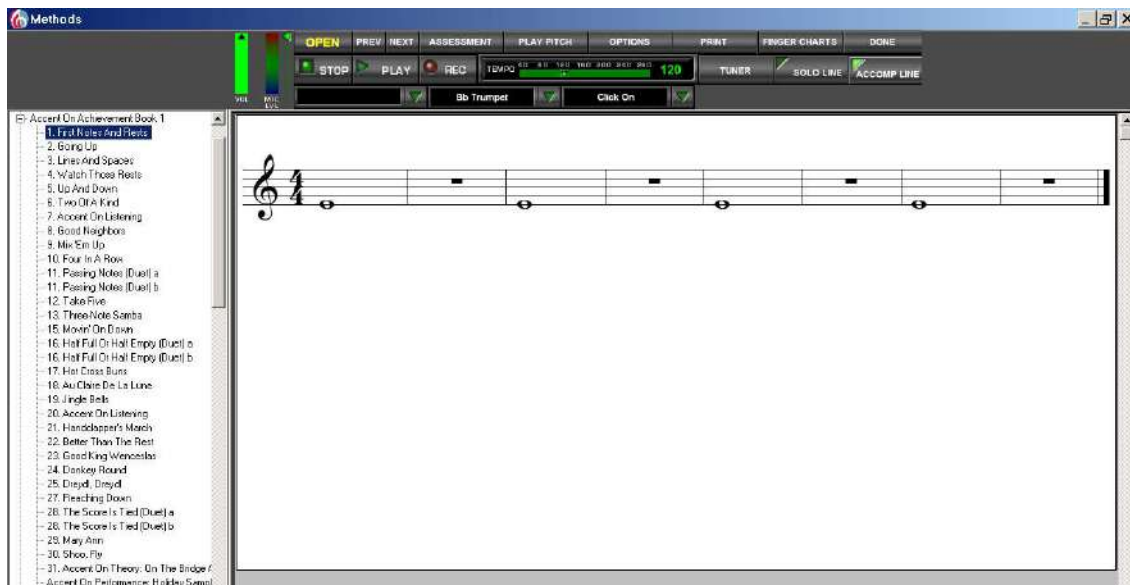


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2) Find the picture of your lesson book and double-click on it



3) In the left margin, find the number of the exercise you want to work on and double-click on it



4) Select your instrument in the control panels at the top of the window




## RECORDING YOURSELF (WHILE PLAYING BAND OR LESSON BOOK MUSIC)

- 1) Adjust the tempo (speed of the beat) by sliding the bar to the left or right.



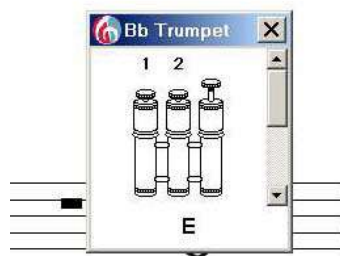
- 2) Make sure “Click On” is selected (this means you will hear a metronome tick while you play).



- 3) Make sure the “solo line” button is selected, and click  to hear how the piece should sound. Try to read the music and follow along as you listen.





- 4) Look over the notes. If you are unsure of the fingering for a note, click on it and a diagram showing the fingering will pop up.



- 5) To start in the middle of the piece instead of the beginning, move the green cursor to the part of the piece you want to play by clicking on the arrows next to “Bar” and “Beat” on the bottom left side of the control panel.

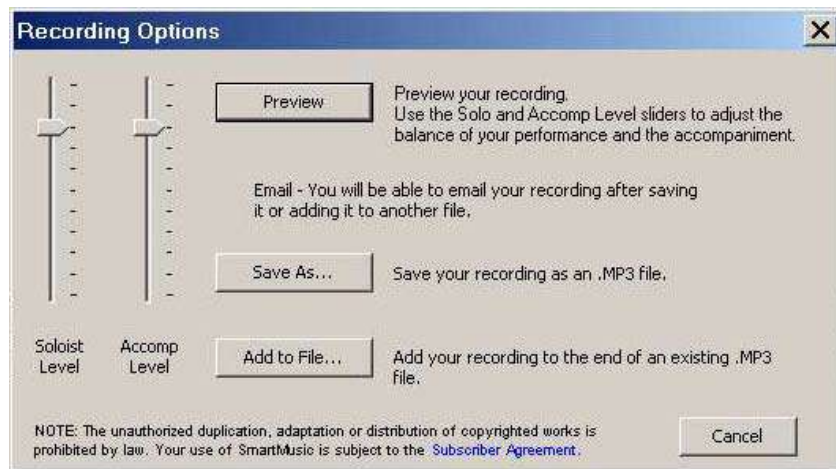


- 6) If you are unsure of how any note should sound, move the cursor to that note and click on  or  Then play the note on your instrument to make sure it sounds the same.

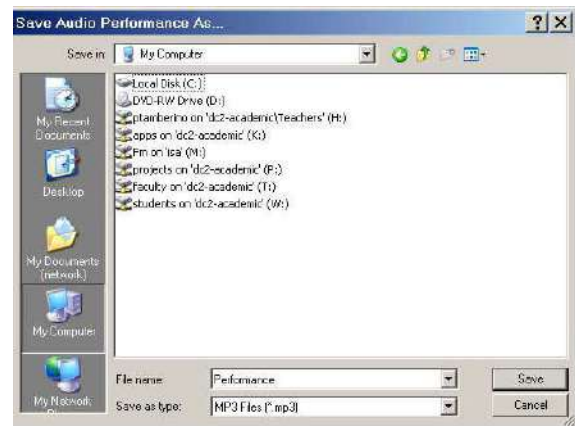
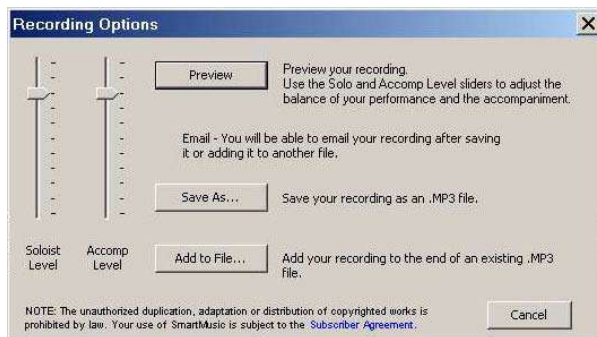
- 7) Click on  to begin recording (wait for the count-off). Begin playing after the count-off.

## ASSESSING YOURSELF


- 1) When you are finished recording, a window will pop up. Adjust the “soloist level” to change the volume of the recording. Adjust the “accomp level” to change the volume of what the computer played along with you.



- 2) Move the window out of the way so you can see the music. Listen to the recording by clicking “preview” and follow along in the music. If there are red notes, try to listen for them in the recording.
- 3) To save your performance as an mp3, click “Save As” then select “My Documents” as the location. To go back to the lesson book without saving, click “Cancel.”

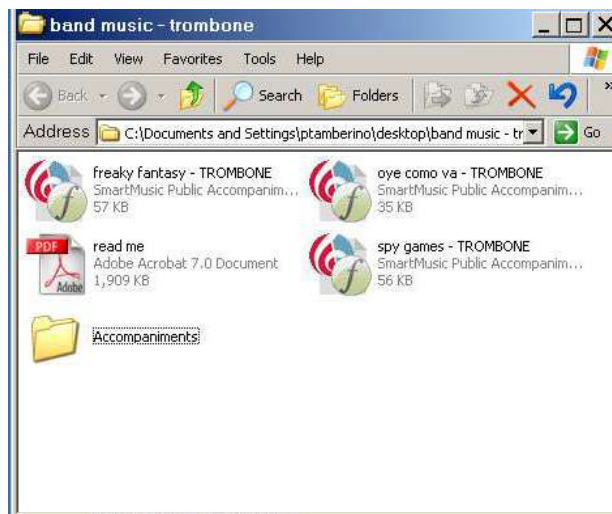



## IMPROVING YOUR PERFORMANCE

- 1) Go back to the part of the music where there were red notes. If they are near a note on the same line or space, they were probably played in the wrong rhythm. If they are underneath or above the black notes, they were probably the wrong pitch.
- 2) If you played wrong pitches, check the fingering again by clicking on the note. Then try to play just that note.
- 3) If you played incorrect rhythms, have the computer play the solo line for you again (make sure “solo line” is turned on and “acomp line” is turned off). Pay attention to the part where your rhythm was wrong. Try playing just that part again on your own.
- 4) Slow the tempo down if you need and record the piece again following the steps in “RECORDING YOURSELF” above.
- 5) If you have corrected your mistakes, now you are ready to work on making the piece more FUN to play. Look at your band music (paper copy) to see **how fast** it should be, where there should be **changes in volume**, and where there are **accents** or **staccato** markings.
- 6) When you are ready to go on to the next piece (in the lesson book) click 

## PLAYING BAND MUSIC WITH SMARTMUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT

- 1) To hear the rest of the band playing while you play from the paper copies of your band music, open the “band music” folder on your desktop and then open the “accompaniments” folder.



- 2) Click on the piece you want to play.
- 3) Adjust the tempo
- 4) Adjust the “click”
- 5) To start from the beginning, click  and play along from your music. To start from a certain measure (bar), use the arrows to fast-forward the accompaniment to that measure number.