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## Improvements

### Note input

*Octave transposing instruments.* A new option **When inputting written pitches onto octave transposing instruments** has been added to the **MIDI Input** page of **Library ▶ Note Input Options**. This allows you to determine whether the octave transposition of the instrument should be considered when inputting via your MIDI keyboard when **Write ▶ Input Pitch** is set to **Written Pitch** (the octave transposition is always applied when set to **Sounding Pitch**).

*Chromatic mouse input.* When moving the mouse over the staff, the shadow note shows diatonic or unmodified pitches by default. You can now hold **Shift** to see all chromatic pitches as you move over the staff and click to input that pitch.

### Print mode

*Page ranges.* It is now possible to specify an open-ended page range, e.g. **3-**, which will print from the specified page to the end of the layout.

### Project templates

*French horn vs. horn.* Dorico's default project templates now use instruments labeled simply as **Horn**, rather than **French horn**.

### Tuplets

*Default popover text.* When the caret is visible and there is no selection, when you hit **;** to open the tuplets popover, the popover is now pre-populated with **3**, so if you want to create a simple triplet with the currently-selected note value, you can simply hit **Return**, saving a key press.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Beaming</i>	When the <b>Beams starting or ending with rests</b> option on the <b>Beams</b> page of Engraving Options is set to <b>Force horizontal</b> , Dorico no longer incorrectly positions the beam for a beamed group containing (but not starting or ending with) a rest where the stem direction of the first note has been forced.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Under some circumstances, deleting a chord symbol override in the chord symbol appearance editor could lead to a crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when using <b>Select More</b> in a flow with a mixture of shown and hidden chord symbols; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when double-clicking a chord symbol to edit it; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Edits to the appearance of modal chord symbols are now correctly applied.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	The left-, center- and right-alignment of chord symbols that additionally show chord diagrams has been improved.
<i>Condensing</i>	A couple more situations in which undoing an edit to the position of a player label would have no immediate visible result have been resolved.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, edits in a system prior to a divisi change could cause the divisi change label to move away from the staff unexpectedly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could show superfluous clef changes where divisi staves return to unison; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Under some circumstances, dynamics centered between grand staves could move vertically unexpectedly when editing music in an earlier bar coinciding with an earlier gradual dynamic in the same group; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When entering e.g. <b>f (sempre)</b> into the <b>Shift+D</b> popover, the closing parenthesis is no longer incorrectly trimmed from the resulting text suffix.
<i>Jump bar</i>	If you define multiple jump bar aliases that share a common prefix, they would not all have worked reliably; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Lyrics are no longer incorrectly deleted if you select both the word and hyphen or extender line in Engrave mode before using <b>Reset Appearance</b> .
<i>MIDI import</i>	When dragging and dropping MIDI data into an existing project, Dorico can now correctly map incoming data into user-created percussion kits.

Component	Issue
<i>MIDI import</i>	When importing a MIDI file into a new project, user default project options are now applied correctly as expected.
<i>Music fonts</i>	Dorico now ensures that third-party music fonts (e.g. Finale Maestro, Finale Jazz, etc.) are installed as expected when Cubase 14 is also installed on the system.
<i>Music fonts</i>	Dorico no longer incorrectly applies the SMuFL metadata for the current music font when importing a MusicXML or MIDI file into an existing project.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Hidden tempo items are no longer included in MusicXML export.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Special barlines no longer result in superfluous time signatures being included in exported MusicXML files.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Ties for multiple notes in the same chord are once again exported correctly.
<i>MusicXML import</i>	Tuplets with mixed note values in MusicXML files exported from Finale are now imported correctly.
<i>MusicXML import</i>	Rehearsal marks in MusicXML files are now discarded if parsing their text results in a clearly erroneous index.
<i>MusicXML import</i>	Dorico now better handles MusicXML files where system and frame breaks are defined at inconsistent positions in different parts.
<i>Noteheads</i>	Note name noteheads with an overridden color now print and export to graphics correctly.
<i>Note input</i>	Copying and pasting runs of grace notes with playing techniques on one or more of the grace notes now works reliably.
<i>Note input</i>	Dorico could crash if it was still receiving MIDI data when shutting down; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	The performance of note input in flows where players hold many instruments and several of those instruments are visible at once (e.g. for percussionists) has been improved.
<i>Note input</i>	When <b>Play shadow note pitch</b> is activated on the <b>Note Input and Editing</b> page of Preferences, the auditioned pitch now correctly considers the prevailing key signature and instrument transposition.
<i>Note spacing</i>	Music for percussion kits hidden via manual staff visibility changes is no longer incorrectly considered for note spacing.
<i>Percussion legends</i>	Changes to the global staff size via a system or frame break, or by setting a custom staff size for the player, now immediately update the size of percussion legends.

Component	Issue
<i>Playback</i>	The performance of preparing for playback in projects using expression maps with many add-on switches has been restored.
<i>Play mode</i>	Under rare circumstances, it was possible to create a note with a pitch beyond the range of MIDI notes, which could cause a crash in the piano roll editor; this has now been fixed.
<i>Play mode</i>	Enabling or disabling independent voice routing in Play mode no longer causes an additional track for those instruments to unexpectedly appear in the track overview.
<i>Project files</i>	Dorico no longer attempts to save the project as the app is backgrounded; instead, it saves only once it has gone into the background. We hope this addresses the sporadic reports of project file corruption experienced by some users (Dorico for iPad only).
<i>Project files</i>	Under some circumstances, a project last saved in an earlier version could be marked dirty upon opening unexpectedly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	The saved view offset is now restored correctly when opening an existing project, so the view is restored at the place you were last working (Windows only).
<i>Time signatures</i>	Projects created in Dorico 5.1.50 and later would often end up with time signatures with overridden beat and rest groupings, resulting in changes made in Notation Options having no effect on those passages of music; this has now been fixed.
<i>Time signatures</i>	Barlines and bar number changes are now once again correctly maintained when rebarring music.
<i>Tuplets</i>	Tuplets that end with rests could end up with unexpected beam groupings; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Custom Zoom</b> dialog now works correctly (Dorico for iPad only).

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## Improvements

### Chord diagrams

*Non-played strings in barre chords.* It is now possible to indicate that a string in the middle of a barre chord is not played when editing a chord diagram. To achieve this, after creating the barre, click above the top of the chord diagram at the nut end of the displayed portion of the fretboard: the dot indicating the fingering on that string will be removed, but the barre will remain.

### Engrave mode

*Drag threshold.* A new **Drag threshold** slider has been added to the **Editing** section of the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences. By default, when you drag an item with the mouse, you need to move the mouse a small distance before the item will start to move; this helps to prevent accidental moves. The threshold is scaled proportional to the zoom level, so the threshold feels larger at lower zoom levels. You can now reduce (or indeed increase) this threshold to change the distance you need to move the mouse before the item will begin to move.

### Lyrics

*Pasting lyrics.* It is now possible to paste lyrics in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean one ideograph at a time. Copy the lyrics to the clipboard using a text editor, then select the note where the first lyric should appear, type **Shift+L** to open the lyrics popover, and then paste. Dorico takes the first character from the clipboard and pastes it into the popover, automatically advancing to the next note, so that you can paste again.

### MusicXML import

*Page formatting.* Dorico now imports system and frame breaks from MusicXML files by default. If you want to disable this behavior, deactivate **Import system and frame breaks** on the **MusicXML Import** page of Preferences before importing your MusicXML file. Dorico does not yet import information about whether a staff is hidden in a specific system, so it is still possible for the resulting layout not to match the original file exactly.

### Note input

*Pitch before duration input.* Pitch before duration input feels quite similar to Speedy Entry in Finale, especially if you are using a MIDI keyboard for note input. You can play notes and chords freely on your keyboard and Dorico will not input anything



until you then specify the duration of the note or chord to be input by typing the appropriate number key for the chosen duration.

When using the computer keyboard, however, some long-term Finale users have become accustomed to moving the input pitch with the up/down arrow keys. In Dorico, these keys move the caret, rather than adjusting the pitch of the shadow note that specifies the pitch to be input.

To make it possible to match this Finale workflow, four new commands have been added to the **Note Input** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences: map **Raise Shadow Note Pitch by Step** to ↑, and map **Lower Shadow Note Pitch by Step** to ↓. We also recommend you map **Move Up** and **Move Down** (also in the **Note Input** category) to **Alt+↑** and **Alt+↓** respectively, so that it is still possible to move the caret to different staves. You may also wish to map **Raise Shadow Note Pitch by Octave** and **Lower Shadow Note Pitch by Octave**.

Having made these changes, after activating note input with pitch before duration, you can use the up/down arrow keys to adjust the pitch of the shadow note.

Furthermore, a new option **Play changes of shadow note pitch in pitch before duration input** has been added to the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences. If you prefer only to hear the pitch of the note when you commit it to the score by hitting a duration key, deactivate this option.

*Auditioning in mouse input.* A new **Play shadow note pitch** option has been added to the **Mouse Input** section of the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences. When this option is enabled, Dorico will audition the pitch of the shadow note as you move your mouse pointer over the staff.

*Changing the inversion of chords.* If you want to change the inversion of an existing chord – for example to make a root position triad into a second inversion triad by transposing the top note down an octave, or to make a triad in first inversion into a second inversion triad by transposing the bottom note up an octave – this can now be done via the **Shift+I** note tools popover. Type **t top -8** to transpose the top notes of the selected chords down by an octave, or type **t bottom 8** to transpose the bottom notes of the selected chords up by an octave.

*Hiding noteheads.* A new **Toggle Hide Notehead** command has been added. You can trigger this via the jump bar, or assign a custom key command in Preferences.

## Percussion

*Open hi-hat.* When using **Shift+Alt+↑/↓** arrow to cycle through playing techniques for the selected note on a hi-hat instrument in a percussion kit, the open playing technique is now included.

## Platform support

*macOS 15 Sequoia.* Dorico 5.1.60 is now officially supported on macOS 15 Sequoia, and introduces updated Quick Look and Finder thumbnail app extensions that work on macOS 12 and later.

If you find that Quick Look is not operable on your Mac, in System Settings, go to the **Login Items & Extensions** pane, and in the **Extensions** list, find **Quick Look**. Click the **i** button at the right-hand side to see which applications on your Mac have registered Quick Look extensions. You should see **Dorico 5** listed there, with **DoricoQuickLookExtensionMac** and **DoricoThumbnailExtensionMac** both enabled; if either is disabled, activate the switch to enable them.

*Dorico for iPad.* A few minor improvements have been made to Dorico for iPad:

- **Propagate Properties** now appears in the contextual menu in the secondary toolbar.
- The **Delete** button in the secondary toolbar is now enabled when a note spacing or staff spacing handle is selected in Engrave mode, allowing you to remove a spacing override.
- The **Save Endpoint Configuration** button no longer incorrectly appears in the **Endpoint Setup** dialog.

## Properties

*Properties scope.* When changing the **Set local properties** option, either directly in the Properties panel toolbar in the lower zone, or using the command **Toggle Set Properties Scope**, the scope is now updated in all project windows belonging to the active project.

## Repeat markers

*Repeat markers.* When the caret is visible, repeat markers (such as segno and coda) created using the **Shift+R** popover will appear at the caret's position, not the position of any music that may be selected.

## User interface

*Checking for updates.* **Help ▶ Check For Updates** now shows a dialog that informs you directly whether an update is available for Dorico, instead of directing you to the Steinberg web site. This requires an active Internet connection.

*Moving between layouts.* The default shortcuts for **Window ▶ Previous/Next Layout** have been changed to **Shift+Alt+/,.** when using a German keyboard.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Audio engine</i>	On some systems with Chinese characters in file paths, the audio engine could crash when scanning VST plug-ins; this has now been fixed.
<i>Audio engine</i>	The audio engine no longer crashes when encountering old versions of HALion Sonic SE installed on the system.
<i>Clefs</i>	If you override the color of a clef in <b>Library ► Music Symbols</b> , that color override is now preserved when printing or exporting graphics.
<i>Condensing</i>	Editing towards the end of long flows where condensing is enabled is now considerably faster.
<i>Condensing</i>	Under some circumstances, staff labels for condensed instruments would not be grouped correctly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Diagnostics</i>	In rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when attempting to collect crash dumps when building the diagnostic report; this has now been fixed (Windows only).
<i>Divisi</i>	Divisi labels are now updated immediately if the <b>Player labels</b> paragraph style is edited.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	Dorico now always correctly applies the expected <b>Fit two pages</b> zoom level when entering the page template editor.
<i>Galley view</i>	The guide bar numbers drawn in galley view now correctly follow the properties of the <b>Galley View Margin Labels</b> paragraph style.
<i>Graphic slices</i>	Dorico now maintains the default path for a new graphic slice independently for each project you open in a single application session.
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	When showing half notes and whole notes with enclosures in tablature, stems are now correctly drawn in multiple voice cases.
<i>Harp pedaling</i>	Dorico now considers notes across the entire playable range of the harp when determining which pedal settings are required; previously the uppermost octave of the instrument was incorrectly excluded.
<i>Help</i>	When choosing <b>Help ► User Manual</b> to go to the online Operation Manual, you are now taken to the language that matches Dorico's user interface, if available.
<i>Instrument types</i>	The transposition of the pedal steel guitar has been fixed.
<i>Instrument types</i>	Alto trombone now comes before tenor trombone in the default instrument score orders, as it should.

Component	Issue
<i>Key Editor</i>	Clicking in the ruler either in the piano roll or the track overview in Play mode now correctly moves the playhead in Dorico Elements, Dorico SE, and Dorico for iPad.
<i>Key Editor</i>	<b>Lock Key Editor to Selection</b> once again works correctly for instruments that do not use independent voice playback.
<i>Library Manager</i>	When choosing <b>Layout Options</b> in the left-hand list, the <b>Layout</b> menu for the destination project is now always correctly updated.
<i>MIDI import</i>	Importing a MIDI file with a SMPTE offset no longer unexpectedly causes playback options to be reset to factory values.
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	Several crashes that have been reported through automated crash log collection have been fixed.
<i>Multi-bar rests</i>	Edits that split a multi-bar rest no longer sometimes cause erroneous splits at chord symbol positions.
<i>Music fonts</i>	When creating a new project by opening a MIDI or MusicXML file, Dorico now applies the correct font-specific metadata for the chosen default music font, if it has been overridden from Bravura.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could export invalid MusicXML for segno repeat markers; this has now been fixed.
<i>MusicXML import</i>	The mapping of page dimensions in MusicXML files onto Dorico's preset page sizes has been improved.
<i>Note input</i>	<b>Edit ▶ Paste Special ▶ Paste Into Voice</b> is now correctly enabled in Dorico Elements.
<i>Note input</i>	Making a selection in a project with a very large number of flows is now faster.
<i>Note input</i>	Entering a fraction with a denominator of zero into the <b>Shift+B</b> popover no longer causes a crash.
<i>Note input</i>	When dragging notes to edit their pitch, Dorico now correctly handles transposing instruments that show different clefs in concert and transposed pitch.
<i>Note input</i>	When inputting music at high speed, if you hit a duration key followed by a note followed by the same duration key in very quick succession, Dorico will no longer interpret the second hit of the duration key as activating the rhythm dot for that note value, provided a note has been input between the two duration keypresses.
<i>Performance</i>	Editing long flows where divisi labels are snapped to the position of the first note after the start of the divisi section is now considerably faster.

Component	Issue
<i>Play mode</i>	The drop-down menus for expression and percussion maps in the <b>Routing</b> section of the Track Inspector in Play mode are now correctly updated after applying a playback template.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could fail to load additional instances of NotePerformer when required; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	When determining the best matching expression map switch for a combination of playback techniques that is not defined by the expression map, Dorico now chooses the switch with the highest number of matching playback techniques, rather than the first switch that matches any one of the requested playback techniques.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, fermatas in repeated passages would not include the expected gap before the following note; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Agogos, congas, and bongos have been added to the factory <b>General MIDI</b> percussion map.
<i>Playing techniques</i>	Editing a glyph-type playing technique containing multiple components now works reliably once more.
<i>Project files</i>	Starting a new project via <b>File ► New</b> after saving a music font other than Bravura as your default once again correctly ensures that font-specific metadata for Engraving Options and graphical adjustments like stem offsets are applied.
<i>Project files</i>	Closing a project window with an item in the score selected no longer results in a crash.
<i>Setup mode</i>	Triggering the <b>Rename Player</b> command via the jump bar in Setup mode now works as expected.
<i>Text</i>	Under some circumstances, system text could move unexpectedly in galley view when editing other nearby items; this has now been fixed.
<i>Text</i>	Under some circumstances, multi-line text items could be positioned too close to the staff; this has now been fixed.
<i>Time signatures</i>	Time signatures created from the <b>Create Time Signature</b> section of the Time Signatures panel in Write mode now correctly follow the flow's prevailing note and rest grouping options.
<i>Time signatures</i>	It is once again possible to hide time signatures when creating or editing them via the <b>Shift+M</b> popover by enclosing the input string with parentheses, e.g. <b>(4/4)</b> .
<i>Time signatures</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when interacting with the <b>Create Time Signature</b> section of the Time Signatures panel after changing application preferences; this has now been fixed.

Component	Issue
<i>User interface</i>	If a page or category name in one of Dorico's options dialogs is too wide for the panel in which the list appears, the complete name now appears in a tool tip.
<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when redrawing the ensemble builder popover; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Hitting <b>Esc</b> to cancel the dialog used to define which instrument should be used for the selected track in the <b>MIDI Import Options</b> dialog now works correctly.
<i>User interface</i>	Hold on to your bald eagles, folks! The colonial, tea-sipping limey spelling of "minimise" has been corrected to the true, freedom-loving, stars-and-stripes-approved "minimize."
<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances, tool tips for certain controls in the project window could remain visible after the window loses focus; this has now been fixed.

# Dorico 5.1.51

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## Improvements

### Audio export

*Bit depth.* It is now possible to export audio in 32-bit and 64-bit float bit depth, in addition to 16-bit, 24-bit and 32-bit integer bit depth.

### Lyrics

*Lyric extenders.* In Japanese lyrics, it is conventional for melismas – where a syllable is sung across multiple notes – to be indicated with a hyphen character shown under each note, rather than the extender line aligned with the text baseline used in most other languages.

Dorico also showed these Japanese hyphens for lyrics written in Chinese and Korean, which is unconventional; lyrics in these languages more conventionally use the same extender line as most other languages.

For new projects, Dorico now correctly creates extender lines for lyrics in Chinese and Korean. Existing projects will be unaffected by this change: if you have projects that use Chinese or Korean lyrics and want to replace Japanese hyphens with extender lines, you should delete the Japanese hyphens individually, then edit the lyric that begins the melisma and hit **Space** as required to recreate the extender line.

### Playback

*Starting playback.* The delay when starting playback has been reduced from around one second to around 50 milliseconds.

### User interface

*Preferences dialog.* The Preferences dialog no longer shows the name of the current project in its title bar; unlike the other similar-looking options dialogs, there is only ever a single Preferences dialog that applies to the application as a whole, not an individual project.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Barlines</i>	It is once again possible to create a start repeat barline on a single staff in a passage with a local time signature.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The commands to decrease or increase playback start and end offsets now always immediately update the display in the piano roll in the Key Editor.
<i>Multi-bar rests</i>	When opening projects created prior to Dorico 5.1.50, the new <b>Spacing approach for single bar rests</b> option is now correctly disabled in projects that were set not to show a bar count on a single bar rest.
<i>Note input</i>	Notes written for solo strings played back by HALion Symphonic Orchestra now once again audition at the correct dynamic.
<i>Note input</i>	Hitting <b>Tab</b> to cycle the selection between notes and dynamics at the same position now works correctly once more.
<i>Note input</i>	Under some circumstances, lengthening or shortening a selected item could cause the item's duration to change by twice as much as expected; this could happen if either of its circular handles is selected along with its body. This has now been fixed.
<i>Page numbers</i>	When <b>View ► Page Numbers</b> is activated, page numbers are correctly shown even when the layout is set to show no page numbers.
<i>Pedal lines</i>	Under rare circumstances, dragging a pedal line continuation at the beginning of a system could crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	An <i>a tempo</i> marking following a <i>Tempo I</i> marking will now correctly return to the initial tempo as indicated by <i>Tempo I</i> rather than to whatever explicit tempo marking precedes <i>Tempo I</i> .
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico would play back gradual tempo markings from the wrong initial tempo; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playing techniques</i>	Changing the <b>Text</b> edit control in <b>Library ► Preferences</b> and clicking OK without first moving the focus to another control in the dialog now correctly updates all relevant playing techniques immediately.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Preset</b> selectors in the <b>Background Colors</b> section of the <b>Colors</b> page of Preferences now update correctly when choosing a gradient preset.
<i>User interface</i>	Clicking <b>Reset to Factory</b> in Preferences now immediately updates the Write and Engrave mode background gradients, if necessary.



# Dorico 5.1.50

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## Improvements

### Barlines

*Double thick barline.* A new double thick barline has been added to the **Barlines** panel in Write mode. It can be created via the **Shift+B** popover by typing either **doublethick** or **thickdouble**.

### Bar numbers

*Placement relative to dynamics.* A new option **Placement relative to dynamics** has been added to the **Bar Numbers** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify whether bar numbers centered on or left-aligned with barlines should be placed **Inside dynamics** or **Outside dynamics**.

In previous versions of Dorico, bar numbers at barlines positioned below the staff would automatically be placed inside dynamics, while those above the staff would be automatically placed outside dynamics. This new option allows you to control this decision.

### Dynamics

*Short hairpins.* Dorico enforces a minimum length for hairpins and *messa di voce* gradual dynamics, using the **Minimum length** values found in the **Advanced Options** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options.

When an immediate dynamic at the end of a hairpin is attached to the start of the following bar, and that bar is the start of a multi-bar rest, Dorico is unable to correctly account for the width of the immediate dynamic, which is moved leftwards to the end of the previous bar. In these circumstances, the minimum length for hairpins cannot be enforced.

In previous versions, any hairpin that would be drawn shorter than the minimum length was hidden; however, this created problems for proofreading, as it is much more difficult to spot that a hairpin is missing completely than that it looks too short. Consequently, in new projects, short hairpins are now always drawn, even if they would be shorter than the defined minimum length.

If you want to enable this in existing projects, deactivate the new **Hide hairpins shorter than minimum length** option in the **Advanced Options** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options.

## Instrument changes

*Label and warning positions.* Two new options, **Instrument change warning position** and **Instrument change label position**, have been added to the **Instrument Changes** section of the **Players** page of Layout Options. These options controls whether, for example, an instrument change label appears at the start of the bar in which the first note is played by the new instrument (**Snap to nearest barlines**), or whether it appears at the rhythmic position of the first note (**Snap to notes**).

In new projects, instrument change warnings are set to **Snap to notes** so they appear immediately after the last note in the old instrument, while instrument change labels are set to **Snap to nearest barlines**. Existing projects have both options set to **Snap to nearest barlines** to maintain their appearance.

*Instrument transition positions.* When there is only a short time between the last note of the original instrument and the first note of the new instrument, Dorico will typically hide the boxed instrument change label, and show the instrument change warning, because that is the first indication that the player will see. However, you might prefer to hide the warning and show the more prominent boxed label instead.

This can now be achieved by setting the new **When instrument transitions are close** option to **Hide instrument change warning**. In new projects, this option is set to **Hide instrument change warning**, but in existing projects it is set to **Hide instrument change label** to retain their existing appearance.

## Markers

*Keyboard navigation.* It is now possible to navigate in Write mode from one selected marker to the next or previous marker using the arrow keys.

## MIDI import

*Articulations.* A new option **Add articulations to notes** has been added to the **Notations** section of the **Import Options** section of the MIDI Import Options dialog. Deactivate this option if you do not want Dorico to add staccatos, accents, and tenutos to notes when importing MIDI files.

## Multi-bar rests

*Spacing of single bar rests.* In new projects, Dorico now spaces single bar rests as regular bar rests instead of as multi-bar rests, regardless of whether the option is set to show 1 over single bar rests. Previously, any single bar rest that shows its 1 bar count would be spaced like a multi-bar rest.

In existing projects, Dorico continues to space such bar rests as multi-bar rests to preserve their appearance; you can enable the improved behavior by setting the

new **Spacing approach for single bar rests** option (in the **Advanced Options** section of the **Rests** page of Engraving Options) to **Do not scale**.

## Note input

*Editing multiple selected items.* It is now possible to edit the position or duration of multiple selected items at once; for example, you can now select several unlinked gradual dynamics and shorten or lengthen them with **Shift+Alt+←/→**. Previously this was only possible for a single selected item.

## Play mode

*Chords track.* When you activate playback of chord symbols via the **Chords** track in Play mode, Dorico now automatically loads an additional piano sound, so that the endpoint used for chord symbol playback is not also used by another instrument in your project by default. To change the sound, select the **Chords** track and then make changes in the **Routing** section of the Track Inspector panel.

This also allows chord symbols to be played back in Dorico for iPad for the first time.

## Playback

*Grace notes.* The **Default grace note length** option on the **Timing** page of Playback Options now allows values down to 1/64 of a quarter note (crotchet) at 120bpm.

## Slurs

*Slurs and accidentals.* A new option **When slur curvature passes close to the stem of a sharp** has been added to the **Avoiding Collisions** section of the **Slurs** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify whether and by how much a slur should be allowed to skim the stems on either side of sharp accidentals.

## Time signatures

*Grouping in 5/4.* A new **Note grouping approach for 5/4** option has been added to the **Time Signatures With Irregular Meter** section of the **Note Grouping** page of Notation Options. This allows you to specify whether 5/4 time signatures should by default be grouped as irregular compound meter (3+2/4) or as irregular simple meter (1+1+1+1+1/4).

## User interface

*Signposts.* Two new commands have been added to the **View ► Signposts** submenu. **Set All Signposts Shown** and **Set All Signposts Hidden** check or uncheck the menu items for all the signposts types listed in the submenu, which makes it more efficient to show only one or two signpost types (first, choose **Set All Signposts Hidden**, then choose the one or two individual signpost types you want to be shown), or conversely to hide only one or two signpost types (first, choose **Set All**

**Signposts Shown**, then choose the one or two individual types you want to be hidden).

*MIDI trigger regions.* A new button to show the popover for MIDI trigger regions has been added to the popovers toolbox in Write mode.

*Key commands.* It is now possible to set shortcuts for the commands to toggle voice direction (**Edit ▶ Notations ▶ Voices ▶ Default Stems Up/Down**) in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences.

*Default path for scripts.* When choosing **Script ▶ Run Script**, the default path in the chooser is now the **Script Plug-ins** folder inside the user application data folder.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Audio engine</i>	In rare circumstances, Dorico could sometimes fail to list VST plug-ins that were previously correctly recognized; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Bar numbers</i>	Bar numbers centered on the bar and placed above the staff did not correctly avoid collisions with items on adjacent staves; this has been fixed.
<i>Brackets and braces</i>	The new option <b>When only one staff of section player with divisi is shown</b> on the <b>Brackets and Braces</b> page of Layout Options is now saved and loaded correctly.
<i>Comments</i>	When comments were listed in order of their comment text, the sort order could be incorrect; this has now been fixed.
<i>Cues</i>	In rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when attempting to cue hidden notes into another instrument; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When adding an immediate dynamic at the same position as a gradual dynamic, it is now prepended rather than appended.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Creating a gradual dynamic at a grace note position with an immediate dynamic selected now works as expected.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	Switching to the graphical editing tool in Engrave mode now correctly clears selected handles in the note spacing and staff spacing tools if necessary.
<i>Fingering</i>	Nudging and flipping fingerings belonging to cross-staff notes but displayed on the original staff now works reliably.
<i>Flows</i>	<b>Split Flow</b> could fail in rare circumstances where cues are present in the project but not in the affected flow; this has now been fixed.

Component	Issue
<i>Graphics export</i>	If you somehow contrive to have an empty graphics export destination path, Dorico will no longer crash when attempting to export SVG graphics.
<i>Graphics export</i>	When building up the filename recipe from the ingredients specified in the <b>Filename Options</b> dialog, Dorico now correctly obtains the flow names and numbers of the flows shown in the pages being exported, rather than always using the flow names and numbers specified in the options, which might not be included in the pages being exported.
<i>Graphics export</i>	Further protections have been added to try to ensure that the filenames of exported graphics do not become excessively long.
<i>Guitar techniques</i>	When pasting material from a fretted instrument to a non-fretted instrument, all properties that are specific to fretted instruments – including those that specify pre-bends, post-bends, etc. – are now correctly and automatically removed.
<i>Instrument changes</i>	When switching between instruments with different numbers of staff lines within a system, some system-attached items, including time signatures shown above the staff, tempos, repeat endings, and system-attached horizontal lines, could be drawn twice at each position; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instruments</i>	Under some circumstances, creating a percussion kit instrument could fail, resulting in the individual percussion instruments being assigned to the player without the containing kit; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	<b>Lock Key Editor to Selection</b> now handles selected instruments that use independent voice playback more intelligently, selecting each of the subsidiary voices but not selecting the primary entry for the instrument; this allows you to edit the selected notes right away without having to further adjust the selection.
<i>Layouts</i>	When deleting a layout, any items that are associated only with that layout – such as breaks and note spacing changes – are now removed; this ensures that future edits such as trimming the flow always work as expected.
<i>Markers</i>	Markers now draw correctly if the <b>Marker Text Font</b> font style is set to have an <b>Absolute</b> size.
<i>MIDI import</i>	Tracks with “basses” in their names are now more likely to be interpreted by default as double bass instruments, rather than as singers.
<i>MIDI import</i>	When importing a MIDI file, Dorico no longer applies a default instrument score order, which would otherwise cause the created instruments to be shown in a different order than the tracks in the original MIDI file.
<i>Mixer</i>	The single output channel in the Mixer shown by default when applying the NotePerformer playback template is now automatically labelled <b>NotePerformer</b> rather than using the name of the first instrument assigned to that instance of NotePerformer.

Component	Issue
<i>Music fonts</i>	If a specific glyph is not included in the chosen music font, the substitution of the equivalent glyph from the fallback font defined in the font style now works more reliably.
<i>Navigation</i>	Navigating in Write mode between notes that have been crossed to another staff using the arrow keys is now more reliable.
<i>Note input</i>	Moving dynamics and playing techniques with <b>Alt+←/→</b> now once again correctly snaps them to the previous or next note position.
<i>Note input</i>	Entering note input in Write mode in one window no longer causes other windows on the same project to switch to Write mode if mouse input is enabled.
<i>Note input</i>	Creating a chord symbol region, slash region, or bar repeat region with a rehearsal mark selected no longer incorrectly causes the region to begin at the start of the flow.
<i>Note input</i>	Under some circumstances, when repitching several notes, Dorico could unexpectedly audition a later note than the first selected note; this has now been fixed.
<i>Page layout</i>	In systems with multi-bar rests, using <b>Lock Format</b> or creating a break with the <b>Wait for next break</b> property enabled could unexpectedly cause the spacing of material on the system to change; this has now been fixed.
<i>Performance</i>	Selecting music in Write mode is no longer unexpectedly slow when a percussion kit is expanded in Play mode to show all its component instruments.
<i>Performance</i>	The speed of input and editing in projects using extremely large expression maps (for example, the Articulate Maps from Symphonic Riot) has been substantially improved.
<i>Performance</i>	The speed of input and editing in large projects that show player group labels has been improved.
<i>Playback</i>	In music with repeated sections, the restoration of the original tempo after a fermata could be incorrect; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	In rare circumstances, Dorico could fail to load existing projects because it was unable to correctly calculate the played duration of notes in tremolos; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	If you had the chord track set to use the same endpoint as another instrument, edits to a different instrument could cause the music belonging to the instrument sharing an endpoint with the chord track not to play back; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	If you rename a project or a folder in its parent path in the very first session after the project is created, Dorico no longer loses track of the project location, which could lead to Dorico being unable to correctly save the project.

Component	Issue
<i>Repeat endings</i>	When creating a repeat ending, Dorico now correctly considers the selected portions of bar repeat and slash regions when determining the lengths of the initial segments.
<i>Scrub playback</i>	Hitting <b>Esc</b> now once again stops scrub playback.
<i>Setup mode</i>	When a project has more than 100 flows, it is now possible to reliably select all flows in the Flows panel in Setup mode without the panel jumping back to an earlier position in the list.
<i>Setup mode</i>	Dorico no longer incorrectly sorts the list of layouts when adding a player if no instrument score order is chosen.
<i>Text</i>	When using the <code>{@staffLabelsShort@}</code> or <code>{@staffLabelsFull@}</code> tokens, Dorico now always follows the transposition visibility settings for the instrument, including instruments in C.
<i>Text</i>	Dorico now more reliably shows a signpost for text items that consist entirely of whitespace characters.
<i>Text export</i>	Dorico now correctly exports the visible text of tempo items that show their abbreviated versions.
<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances, the menu in the status bar showing the current instrument score order could disappear when switching to Setup mode; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Under rare circumstances, moving tabs between windows, combining tab groups into a single group, or hiding or showing the tab bar could cause a crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Typing with a drop-down menu open in the Hub window to choose items from the list no longer unexpectedly tries to trigger commands.
<i>User interface</i>	In some dialogs (for example, the <b>Playback Technique Combinations</b> dialog opened from the <b>Expression Maps</b> dialog) the list of items was sorted alphabetically, but case sensitively; now, such lists are sorted case insensitively.
<i>User interface</i>	The preview button in the <b>Tempo Equations</b> section of the Tempo panel in Write mode now updates correctly when the selection changes.



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## New features

### Contextual help

You can now obtain contextual help in the main project window and some dialogs. Choose **Help ► Show Help**, use the shortcut **F1** (Windows) or **Command-/** (macOS), or click the new **?** button at the right-hand end of the toolbar to show a new help overlay on the project window.

The window is dimmed, and areas where contextual help is available remain illuminated, with a blue help button in the center. Click any of these buttons to be taken to the relevant page in the online Operation Manual. You can navigate through the areas of the window for which help is available by pressing **Tab**, and then open the relevant page by hitting **Return**. To exit the help overlay, hit **Esc**. Alternatively, wait a few seconds, and Dorico will automatically close the overlay when you click a help button, or after a few seconds of inactivity.

Help buttons can also appear in dialogs. In particular, many dialogs now show help buttons near to specific options or controls, providing targeted support for those settings. Options dialogs now show help buttons for whole sections or pages of options by embedding help buttons in headings at the top of the page or above particular sections of options. Finally, many dialogs also show help buttons in the bottom right corner, next to the **OK** or **Apply** buttons, as appropriate.

Dorico now includes more than 150 links to relevant pages in the Operation Manual.

## Improvements

### Audio export

*ID3 tags.* Dorico now uses the project title and flow name (if appropriate) as the value for the ID3 Title tag when exporting MP3 audio, rather than the default filename of the exported file.

### Beams

*Beams starting or ending with rests.* A new option **Beams starting or ending with rests** has been added to the **Advanced Options** section of the **Slants** section of the **Beams** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify whether beams that start or end with rests should always be forced horizontal.



## Brackets and braces

*Sub-brackets for divisi.* A new option **When only one staff of section player with divisi is shown** has been added to the **Brackets and Braces** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify whether a single staff belonging to a section player that has divisi passages elsewhere in the flow should show a sub-bracket.

*Bracket protrusion.* When a bracket starts or ends on a staff that has fewer than five lines, the bracket no longer always protrudes as far as it would for a five-line staff.

## Layouts

*Blank staves after flows.* It is now possible to show blank staves after every flow in a layout, not only the final flow. This is controlled by the updated option **Fill frames with blank staves** on the **Page Setup** page of Layout Options.

## Note input

*MIDI input for transposing instruments.* A new option **When inputting notes in an atonal passage, prefer to see optimal spellings in** has been added to the **MIDI Input** page of **Library ► Note Input Options**, allowing you to specify whether you want Dorico to prioritize the note spelling for concert pitch, or for the transposition used by the current layout. When inputting in a transposed layout onto a transposing instrument in a passage with an open or atonal key signature, Dorico would previously always have prioritized the spelling in concert pitch, which could result in some remote spellings in transposed pitch. You can now specify that Dorico should prioritize the transposition of the current layout.

## Playback

*Per-switch delay.* When the current switch defines a **Delay** value, Dorico now offsets both the starts and ends of notes in the affected region; previously, only the start of the note was offset. In addition, changes of dynamic played using MIDI CCs are now also offset by the appropriate amount to coincide with the start of the note.

*Trills on unpitched percussion.* Trills are sometimes used on unpitched percussion instrument to indicate rolls. Dorico now always assumes that a trill on unpitched percussion should trigger the **Trill (half-step)** playback technique, regardless of the written pitch, staff position, or interval specified for the trill.

## Playback templates

*Default playback template.* If you delete the playback template that is currently specified as the **Default playback template** on the **Play** page of Preferences, Dorico will now automatically choose the best available factory playback template to ensure that new projects have an appropriate playback template chosen by default.

## Slurs

*Collision avoidance.* A new **Avoid collisions under slur arcs** option has been added to the **Avoiding Collisions** section of the **Slurs** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify whether slurs should avoid collisions under their arcs by default. This option applies to slurs that start and end on the same staff; the existing **Collision avoidance for cross-staff slurs** option continues to govern the default collision avoidance behavior for slurs that start and end on different staves.

*Flat slurs.* The **Avoid collisions** property now applies to flat slurs as well as normal slurs.

## Staff labels

*Player names.* If a player name contains a token for flat, natural, or sharp accidentals, those tokens are now correctly substituted when player names are used for staff labels.

## Text

*Style inheritance.* In both **Library ► Paragraph Styles** and **Library ► Font Styles**, Dorico now prevents you from creating a circular dependency between a parent style and its child. It used to be possible to define two styles to each have the other as its parent, which would prevent Dorico from correctly resolving the appearance of both styles, and could lead to crashes. Now, any style that cannot be set as the parent for the style being edited is automatically removed from the **Parent** list.

## User interface

*Project Info.* After clicking the delete button in the action bar in **File ► Project Info** to delete a flow, Dorico now shows a warning when you click **Apply** or **Close** to ensure you understand that the flow will be deleted from the project, removing all of its music. In Dorico for iPad, the delete button has been removed from the action bar.

*Flows panel.* A new button to show the context menu for the selected flow has been added to the Flows panel in Setup mode.

*Color picker.* The color picker for the **Color** property in the **Common** group of Properties now draws with an outline, to make it easier to see in both the dark and light themes.

## Video

*Project activation.* Dorico now correctly enforces that the project should be activated for playback before allowing you to attach or detach a video, or show the Video window.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Brackets and braces</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could sometimes join two adjacent instruments of the same type with a single sub-bracket when the two instruments are in different player groups; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord diagrams</i>	It is once again possible to cycle through alternative chord diagrams (Dorico Elements and Dorico SE only).
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	When changing tablature to hide rhythms, tuplets are now immediately hidden in the tablature.
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	It is now possible to define a capo in the <b>Edit Strings and Tuning</b> dialog in Dorico for iPad.
<i>Instruments</i>	When changing a multi-staff instrument to another multi-staff instrument, Dorico no longer incorrectly removes clef changes from staves other than the first if they appear at the same rhythmic position.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Tempo items that are suppressed in playback no longer unexpectedly reappear in the Tempo editor in the Key Editor after reopening a project.
<i>Music fonts</i>	Dorico now only shows music fonts – for example, on the <b>Create New</b> page of the Hub, or in <b>Library ► Music Fonts</b> – that are actually installed; previously, it would list fonts for which SMuFL metadata was present, even if the referenced font itself is not installed.
<i>Note input</i>	<b>Edit ► Paste Special ► Reduce</b> no longer maps voices incorrectly in the presence of dynamics.
<i>Note spacing</i>	Under rare circumstances, undoing an edit that causes empty staves to hide or appear could cause instability in casting off; this has now been fixed.
<i>Percussion</i>	Under some circumstances, the creation of a custom percussion kit could fail; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, playback of identical key switches in abutting technique regions could be unreliable; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback techniques</i>	Dorico now disallows the use of the plus sign (+) in the names of playback techniques, as this can cause problems elsewhere; any existing playback techniques with illegal names are automatically corrected when loading projects or applying playback templates.
<i>Repeat endings</i>	It is no longer incorrectly possible to unset the <b>No. segments</b> property for a selected repeat ending.
<i>Setup mode</i>	The <b>Import Kit</b> button in the instrument picker now works correctly in Dorico Elements.

Component	Issue
<i>Staff labels</i>	Dorico now always uses the language specified for instrument names on the <b>Language</b> page of Engraving Options when adding new instruments or resetting instrument names; under some circumstances, it was possible for newly created instruments to use a previously chosen language.
<i>Text</i>	When making changes in the Missing Fonts dialog, shown during project opening to allow you to specify which fonts should be substituted, Dorico will now always ensure that an appropriate style is chosen for each substitute font.
<i>Text</i>	Certain text-like items, including cue labels, percussion legends, and gradual tempos, were always being drawn twice and superimposed; this is now fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Choose Chord Diagram</b> dialog now appears in the center of the display in Dorico for iPad.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Change Divisi</b> menu item no longer appears in Dorico SE, because this feature cannot be enabled by upgrading to Dorico Elements; this feature is only available in Dorico Pro.
<i>User interface</i>	After applying changes in Layout Options, which may cause the music formatting and casting off to change, Dorico now brings the selection, if any, into view.
<i>User interface</i>	The preview in <b>Library ▶ Paragraph Styles</b> now more accurately reflects the current settings for the edited paragraph style.
<i>User interface</i>	When reopening the <b>Write ▶ Transpose</b> dialog, the <b>Diatonic</b> quality is now restored if possible.
<i>User interface</i>	The list of slices in the Graphic Slices panel in Engrave mode now keeps the selected slice in view.

# Dorico 5.1.32

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## Improvements

### Dorico Elements

*Upgrade reminders.* “Locked” menu items for advanced commands or features that are unavailable in Dorico Elements have been removed, in response to user feedback.

### Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Chord diagrams</i>	It is once again possible to specify the tuning to be used for chord diagrams in the context menu in the Players panel (Dorico Elements/SE only).
<i>Engrave mode</i>	It is once again possible to make staff spacing adjustments (Dorico Elements only).
<i>Lyrics</i>	Full-width and half-width punctuation, commonly used when setting lyrics in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, are now ignored if <b>Punctuation at the start or end of individual lyrics</b> is set to <b>Ignore when positioning</b> .
<i>Note input</i>	When inputting notes using a MIDI keyboard, if you respell a note Dorico will no longer incorrectly go back and respell that note based on the spelling of later notes you input.
<i>Note input</i>	<b>Edit ▶ Paste Special ▶ Reduce</b> no longer incorrectly combines voices with independent rhythms into a single voice when explicit rests are present in one or more of the source voices.
<i>Note input</i>	<b>Edit ▶ Requantize</b> now works correctly on percussion kits.
<i>Setup mode</i>	It is once again possible to edit instrument names via the Edit Instrument Names dialog (Dorico Elements/SE only.)
<i>Setup mode</i>	It is once again possible to add players to a new group via the context menu in the Players panel (Dorico Elements/SE only).
<i>Text</i>	When using the <code>{@staffLabelsFull@}</code> token, Dorico no longer sometimes incorrectly includes spurious additional accidentals for transposing instruments (German language only).
<i>User interface</i>	When using the light theme, on some systems the same color could be used both for selected text and the selection region in text edit controls (for example, in the Hub); this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Starting note input from a selected rest or other non-note item now correctly enables the articulation buttons in the Keyboard panel toolbar.

# Dorico 5.1.30

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28 March 2024

## Improvements

### Audio engine

*Steinberg Built-in ASIO Driver.* The Steinberg Built-in ASIO Driver has been updated to version 1.0.6 (Windows only).

### Barlines

*Systemic barlines.* In special circumstances it is necessary to hide the systemic barline and brackets at the start of a system, or at a mid-system gap for a coda. To achieve this, a new **Hide systemic barline** property has been added for system and frame breaks, and for codas (which produce a mid-system gap).

*Repeat barlines.* When creating a start or end repeat barline, Dorico now considers whether an end or start repeat barline already exists at that position, and if so, creates a combined end-start repeat barline, instead of replacing the start repeat with an end repeat, or vice versa.

### Bar repeats

*Handle positions.* The position of the end handle for bar repeat regions has been adjusted such that the end handle of one region will not collide with the start handle for an abutting region. This makes it easier to adjust the end and start handles of abutting regions. The same improvement has been made to rhythmic slash regions and chord symbol regions.

### Breaks

*Changing staff size.* When activating the **Space size** property for a selected system or frame break, the default value for the property is now set from the prevailing staff size, making it much easier to determine the desired value relative to the current size.

### Holds and pauses

*Fermatas in slash regions.* Fermatas now appear in slash regions if required.

### Lyrics

*Vertical position.* It is now possible in Engrave mode to adjust the vertical position of lines of lyrics on condensed staves, on percussion kits shown using the five-line staff or grid presentation type, and in material cued from another instrument.

*Reset Appearance.* The speed of **Edit ► Reset Appearance** on many selected lyrics has been significantly improved. This also correspondingly improves the speed of

resetting the appearance of chord symbols and text items. Furthermore, after doing **Edit ▶ Reset Appearance**, lyrics now remain selected.

## Markers and timecode

*Timecode components.* New options on the **Markers** page of Engraving Options allow you to choose whether hours and frames are displayed in the timecode shown for markers and in timecode at the start of the system or on the timecode staff.

## Percussion

*Bar rests in percussion kits.* A new option **Bar rests in additional voices in five-line staff presentation** has been added to the **Percussion** page of Notation Options. This allows Dorico to show a bar rest in the up-stem or down-stem voice in bars where no notes are present in that voice, without having to show additional bar rests in *all* instruments (via the existing **Bar rests in additional voices** option on the **Rests** page).

## Playback

*NotePerformer expression map.* At the request of the team at Wallander Instruments, the playback options overrides for the dynamic delta for accent and marcato in the NotePerformer expression map have been removed; this change affects only newly created projects.

## Rehearsal marks

*Custom infix.* In addition to allowing a custom prefix and suffix to specify text that should appear both before and after the letter or bar number in a rehearsal mark, Dorico now allows a custom infix, which will be inserted between each character of the rehearsal mark. Some fonts, such as Finale Jazz and Finale Broadway Copyist, use a combination of characters to provide handwritten-style borders and brackets. You can now specify an appropriate prefix, infix, and suffix to automate the production of such bordered rehearsal marks. The new **Custom infix** option can be found on the **Rehearsal Marks** page of Engraving Options, along with a new option **Insert infix between final pair of characters**. Some of these custom fonts expect the infix to appear between every pair of characters, while others work best if the infix is not specified between the final two characters. Check the documentation provided with your custom font to determine whether this option should be activated.

## Repeat markers

*Coda gaps.* The flexibility of gaps before codas has been improved. A new **Default gap before coda section at start of system** option has been added to the **Repeat Sections** section of the **Repeat Markers** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify the default gap when a coda falls at the start of a system, rather than in the middle of the system.

In addition, a new **Coda gap width** property has been added, allowing you to override the coda gap for a selected coda item.

## Staff labels

*Ranges for condensed staves.* A new option **Consecutive player numbers** has been added to the **Condensing** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify that consecutively numbered instruments condensed onto the same staff should be shown as a range: for example, four horns condensed onto the same staff can now be shown as **Horn 1–4** rather than **Horn 1.2.3.4**.

*Instrument changes.* When **Instrument transition position** is set to **Before first note in new instrument** on the **Players** page of Layout Options, Dorico will switch to the new instrument at the barline immediately prior to the first note in the new instrument. If this happens in the middle of the system, and the old instrument has no notes on that system, you might prefer the staff label at the start of the system to show the instrument that will start playing in the middle of the system, rather than the instrument that was playing on the previous system. If so, activate the new **Show first sounding instrument on system** option on the **Staves and Systems** page of Layout Options.

*Smart quotes.* A new **Smarten quotes** option has been added to the **Case** section of the **Staff Labels** page of Engraving Options. When activated, any straight quotes or typewriter apostrophes in staff labels will be replaced with curved versions.

## User interface

*Status bar.* It is possible to choose which elements should appear in the status bar by right-clicking anywhere on the status bar. A context menu appears, from which you can choose to show or hide any of the controls shown for the current project window mode. The choices you make here are saved as application preferences, so affect all project windows. If you use a display in portrait orientation, or otherwise need to make the Dorico project window especially narrow, you will find it helpful to hide some of the items in the status bar, as this allows the project window to have a narrower minimum width.

*Object creation panel.* When reopening a project, Dorico now restores the object creation panel in Write mode that was visible when you were last working on your project.

*Key signatures in the Hub.* On the **Create New** page of the Hub, when creating a major key signature, you will now find **G♭** rather than **F♯** as one of the available root notes.

*Recent files.* The **File ▶ Open Recent** menu no longer shows the names of recent projects prepended by numbers on macOS, as is conventional for that platform. (The projects are still prepended by numbers on Windows, as before.)



*Diagnostic reports.* Recent versions of macOS have started to move crash log files into a new **Retired** subfolder inside the **DiagnosticReports** folder. When you choose **Help ► Create Diagnostic Report**, Dorico will now also look for crash logs inside subfolders of **DiagnosticReports**. Crash logs up to 96 hours old will now be collected for the report (previously, the threshold was 48 hours).

## **Dorico SE and Elements**

*Upgrade reminders.* Dorico SE is available for free download, and allows the creation of projects with up to eight players. It has many of the powerful, smart features of Dorico Elements and Dorico Pro. To help Dorico SE users identify where they could further benefit from the additional functionality of Dorico Elements, the menus in Dorico SE now contain all the items that are present in Dorico Elements with a special lock icon, and when clicked, they provide a simple way to buy an upgrade to Dorico Elements from the Steinberg online shop.

Similarly, in Dorico Elements, some of the advanced customization options of Dorico Pro are excluded. These items, particularly in the **Library** menu, are now shown with a lock icon. When clicked, they too provide a simple way to buy an upgrade to Dorico Pro from the Steinberg online shop.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Audio engine</i>	On some systems, the audio engine could crash on start-up due to a problem with detecting certain models of CPU; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Chord symbols that have been suppressed in playback no longer incorrectly print in gray if <b>View ▶ Note and Rest Colors ▶ Suppressed Playback</b> is activated.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	When editing a chord symbol in Engrave mode with multiple components, Dorico could crash when returning from a nested editor; this has now been fixed.
<i>Device Setup</i>	On some systems, changing settings via <b>Edit ▶ Device Setup</b> after opening a project but before all sounds have been loaded could cause a crash; now you cannot open Device Setup before sounds have finished loading.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, slurs in a secondary voice in a divisi staff could disappear in unison ranges; this has now been fixed.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under rare circumstances involving condensed divisi sections, music under slurs could sometimes disappear; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When duplicating a flow, <i>subito</i> modifiers on dynamics are now correctly reproduced.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When the new option <b>Position end of hairpin relative to note or chord</b> is set to <b>Right side of note on main stem</b> and the hairpin ends at the start of a bar where an immediate dynamic is present, the hairpin now correctly stops before the barline.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When a hyphenated text dynamic begins with an immediate dynamic, the dynamic no longer overruns the rhythmic position at which it is expected to end.
<i>Dynamics</i>	When a hyphenated text dynamic ends with an immediate dynamic, the immediate dynamic is no longer vertically displaced outside the gradual dynamic.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Gradual dynamics drawn as hyphenated text where <b>Final syllable at end of line</b> is active no longer sometimes overprint following immediate dynamics in the event that the gradual dynamic is preceded by an immediate dynamic with a long suffix.
<i>Key signatures</i>	When specifying the octave at which an accidental should appear in a custom key signature for a particular clef, those choices now correctly apply to octave clefs based on the same clef symbol.
<i>Key signatures</i>	When a custom key signature appears at a mid-system preamble, for the beginning of an extra staff or an ossia, accidentals are now correctly positioned at the chosen octave for the prevailing clef.

Component	Issue
<i>Library Manager</i>	Where available, items in the Library Manager are now shown in the current application language, instead of always appearing in English.
<i>Library Manager</i>	The controls to sync options between the factory or user library did not always work reliably when the Library Manager was first opened, until a different category was chosen in the left-hand list; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lines</i>	It is now possible to create multiple rhythmic position-attached horizontal lines in succession from a loaded mouse pointer, if settings dictate.
<i>Live editing</i>	Dorico could crash when making a selection with the mouse, or when trying to initiate a live editing drag; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	The appearance of elision slurs, also used for Japanese and Korean lyrics, have been improved such that they look more consistent at different combinations of staff and lyric size.
<i>Note input</i>	When making a marquee or <b>Shift</b> +click selection across a fretted instrument displaying both notation and tablature, Dorico now only selects the notation; previously, it would select both notation and tablature, which could lead to odd problems when, for example, undoing the selection.
<i>Note input</i>	When using extended tonality systems, respelling a note using the note name above or below could cause the note to become unexpectedly detuned; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	When creating a region-based item (for example, a bar repeat region or numbered bar region), if the selection starts or ends with a dynamic that is part of a larger, unselected group, the created region no longer unexpectedly extends to the end of the dynamic group.
<i>Note input</i>	The rhythmic grid selector in the bottom left-hand corner of the project window now correctly updates on undo and redo.
<i>Octave lines</i>	It is now once again possible to create octave lines by clicking and dragging with the mouse.
<i>Page layout</i>	In rare circumstances, enlarging the staff size or reducing the height of a music frame such that only a single system can fit could cause a crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	In very rare circumstances, Dorico could hang when opening a project if the trill or tremolo duration specified in Playback Options was set to zero; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Removing a player from a flow now immediately updates playback, so when you next playback, you will not continue to hear the removed player's music.
<i>Playback</i>	The randomness of dynamic humanization has been improved.
<i>Playback</i>	The default playback sound for instruments in the <b>Sketch</b> family have been improved.

Component	Issue
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico could crash when attempting to calculate playback for trills bounded by grace notes; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could fail to restore the correct tempo at an <i>a tempo</i> following a fermata; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, a trill that changes speed over its duration could end with the same pitch as the following note, resulting in the note being restruck; this has now been fixed.
<i>Players</i>	Under certain circumstances, player names could change unexpectedly when reopening a project after having changed options on the <b>Language</b> page of Engraving Options; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Using the <b>Share ► Dorico Project</b> option in Dorico for iPad for a project located in iCloud Drive but not in the <b>Dorico</b> folder within iCloud Drive now works correctly (Dorico for iPad only).
<i>Project Statistics</i>	Dorico now calculates statistics based on the full score layout if the project only has a single full score layout; otherwise, it calculates statistics for the current layout.
<i>Setup mode</i>	Choosing <b>Setup ► New Player Group</b> from the menu could unexpectedly cause a group to be created for a player other than the currently selected players; this has now been fixed.
<i>Staff labels</i>	The <code>{@staffLabelsFull@}</code> token now respects the options for the appearance of instrument transpositions on the <b>Language</b> page of Engraving Options.
<i>Text export</i>	When exporting dynamics to a CSV file, modifiers such as <i>poco</i> and <i>molto</i> are now correctly included.
<i>Text export</i>	When exporting tempo to a CSV file, tempos are now exported more accurately.
<i>Time signatures</i>	Dorico did not correctly account for the size of large time signatures shown for percussion and keyboard instruments, which could under some circumstances result in notes overprinting time signatures; this has now been fixed.
<i>Time signatures</i>	When different empty staves are hidden on successive systems, the cautionary large time signature at the end of a system could appear at a different vertical position than earlier time signatures on the system; this has now been fixed.
<i>Trills</i>	In rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when attempting to position a trill; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	When creating or removing split views, Dorico now attempts to restore the last view position for each view.

Component	Issue
<i>User interface</i>	The width of the column showing the checkbox in the <b>MIDI Input Devices</b> list on the <b>Play</b> page of Preferences has been increased.
<i>User interface</i>	When player names are shown in lists in Layout Options, any tokens for accidentals in their names are now correctly removed.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico now brings the selection into view if casting off changes as a result of changing Layout Options.

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## Improvements

### Accidentals

*Cautionary accidentals.* Dorico 5.1.10 included a change in its cautionary accidental calculation algorithms that resulted in some unnecessary cautionary accidentals no longer appearing; specifically, a cautionary accidental on the same pitch name and in the same octave but in another voice on the same instrument (including on another staff, for grand staff instruments) would previously have appeared, but as of Dorico 5.1.10 no longer does.

A new option **Suppress cautionary accidentals at same pitch and octave in other voices on the same instrument** has been added to the new **Advanced Options** section of the **Cautionary Accidentals** page of Notation Options, allowing you to opt out of this new behavior. This option is enabled in new projects but disabled in existing projects to avoid unexpected changes.

### Comments

*Comments panel.* It is now possible to right-click on the list of comments in the Comments panel in Write mode to show a context menu with two submenus. The **Show** submenu allows you to choose which metadata should appear in each card in the list of comments. If you do not collaborate with other editors, for example, it may be unnecessary for you to see the name of the author of every comment, or the date. The choices you make in this menu are stored for the application as a whole and are automatically applied for each project you open.

The **Sort By** submenu allows you to choose the order in which the comments are listed in the panel. By default, comments are listed by flow and bar, but you might prefer to group comments by instrument, or by the comment text itself. Like the choices you make in the **Show** menu, the choices you make here are stored for the application as a whole and are automatically applied for each project you open.

*Export comments.* When exporting comments, the exported web page now includes only those fields that are shown in the Comments panel.

### Dynamics

*Hairpin end position.* A new option **Position end of hairpin relative to note or chord** has been added to the **Advanced Options** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options. This allows you to specify that the right-hand end of a hairpin that is not followed immediately by another dynamic should

either be aligned with the left-hand side of the notehead at the rhythmic position where it ends, or should instead be aligned with the right-hand side of the notehead.

In new projects, this option is set to **Right side of note on main stem**, but to avoid unexpected changes, it is set to **Left side of note on main stem** in existing projects.

## Holds and pauses

*Caesuras and multi-bar rests.* A caesura that appears immediately before the barline – which is rhythmically positioned at the same position as the barline, and which shows an attachment line to the start of the following bar – no longer causes the bar in which it is drawn to be split from an ongoing multi-bar rest.

*Fermatas on barlines and multi-bar rests.* Previously, a fermata rhythmically positioned at the start of a bar but set to appear on the following barline by way of the **Attach to barline** property would not cause the bar in which it is attached to be split from an ongoing multi-bar rest, but if it was positioned anywhere else in the bar, the multi-bar rest would be split. Now, a fermata set to appear on the barline will not cause the bar in which it is attached to be split from an ongoing multi-bar rest, regardless of the fermata's actual rhythmic position within the bar.

## Note spacing

*Minimum length for ties.* When spacing music, Dorico enforces a minimum length for ties between notes (and in some other situations), to ensure that ties are not drawn so short that they become hard to read. The options in the **Length** section of the **Ties** page of Engraving Options govern this behavior.

Previously, Dorico would always enforce the specified minimum length for ties, even when the tied note crosses a barline. Typically, the gap between the last note or chord of the bar and the first note or chord in the following bar is sufficient that the minimum tie length is easily exceeded. However, the minimum length should still be applied for a tie immediately before the barline at the end of the system, as the tie will always stop short of the barline and could therefore appear too short.

In new projects, Dorico no longer enforces the minimum length for a tie at the end of a bar, except at the end of the system, to reduce the spacing distortion that such ties can create. In existing projects, this improved behavior is disabled by default, to avoid unexpectedly changing the rhythmic spacing. To enable the new behavior, deactivate the new **Enforce minimum length for ties before barline** option in the **Length** section of the **Ties** page of Engraving Options.

## Mixer

*Editing values.* It is now possible to edit numeric values in the Mixer using the keyboard: hold **Alt** and click on the value you want to edit, type the new value, and hit **Return**

to confirm. When editing gain for an output fader, you can type **-inf** or **-oo** to set the gain to negative infinity (silence). For pan, values can be in the range **-100** to **100**.

## MusicXML export

*Chord symbols.* When exporting chord symbols, if the root alteration is zero, meaning that the root is a natural, the alteration is now omitted; this prevents some applications from showing an explicit natural sign for the root note.

*Guitar techniques.* The export of hammer-ons, pull-offs and taps on grace notes has been improved.

## Playback

*Glissando playback.* Dorico can now play continuous (pitch bend) glissandos to and from notes with microtonal pitches, if required.

*Trills and unmeasured tremolos.* Since the introduction of playback of holds and pauses in Dorico 5.1, Dorico has also attempted to play generated trills and unmeasured tremolos in such a way that the repetition speed of the generated notes remains the same during the tempo changes used to play holds and pauses.

If you would prefer Dorico to play trills and tremolos as it did previously, you can now deactivate the new option **Play generated trills at constant speed during tempo changes** on the **Trills** page of Playback Options, and the corresponding option for tremolos **Play tremolos at constant speed during tempo changes** on the **Timing** page.

When playing back via NotePerformer, the behavior to play trills and tremolos at a constant speed during tempo changes is now always disabled, to avoid interfering with NotePerformer's own interpretation.

When the playback options to play trills and unmeasured tremolos at a constant speed during tempo changes are enabled, the playback is now much improved.

## Playing techniques

*Bowing marks.* A new option **Placement of bowing marks relative to text or grouped playing techniques** has been added to the **Vertical Position** section of the **Playing Techniques** page of Engraving Options. This allows you to determine whether bowing marks should go outside all other playing techniques, or (the default option) inside text-based and grouped playing techniques.

A new **Bowing marks** checkbox has been added to **Library ► Playing Techniques**, allowing you to designate the edited playing technique as a bowing mark. These playing techniques will either be positioned inside or outside text-based and grouped playing techniques, according to the above option.



## Slurs

*Flat slurs.* The appearance of flat slurs has been improved. Previously, a flat slur would appear slightly thinner in the middle than at the shoulders; the slight bulge at the shoulders of the slur has now been removed.

## Staff labels

*Show staff labels on first flow only.* In layouts for one or two instruments, some publishers like to show staff labels at the start of the first system of the first piece or movement, but not for any subsequent pieces or movements. Furthermore, they would want the first system of each subsequent piece or movement to be indented, in lieu of showing a staff label.

To make this easier, two new options have been introduced, and both are found on the **Staves and Systems** page of Layout Options. Firstly, a new **Show staff labels** option allows you to choose between **On all flows** or **On first flow only**. Secondly, a new **Apply indent when staff labels are shown** option has been added below **Indent first system of flow by *n* spaces**, allowing you to specify that the indent for the first system should not be applied when staff labels are shown on the first system of the flow.

## Staff spacing

*Vertical spacing for organ instruments.* Organ instruments with three staves show two braced staves, for the manuals, and a third, unbraced staff, for the pedals. The distance between all three staves has always been governed by the **Braced staff to braced staff gap** value on the **Vertical Spacing** page of Layout Options. This is inconvenient, because it makes it impossible to have a different default gap between the two braced staves and the unbraced pedal staff below them.

In new projects, Dorico now uses a new **Braced staff to unbraced staff gap** value to determine the distance between the braced staves for the manuals and the unbraced staff for the pedals.

In existing projects, the new gap is set to the value of the existing **Braced staff to braced staff** option, which avoids any unexpected changes.

## Time signatures

*Aggregate time signatures.* Aggregate time signatures – which display two or more meters in the same bar, with dashed barlines showing the subdivisions between the meters – can now be consolidated into a single displayed time signature, if they share a common denominator.

This can be enabled for all compatible aggregate time signatures in the project by activating the new option **Combine aggregate time signatures with common**

**denominators** in the **Design** section of the **Time Signatures** page of Engraving Options. This option can also be overridden for an individual time signature by activating the **Combine compatible aggregates** property in the **Time Signatures** group in the Properties panel.



## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Using <b>Select More</b> to select more chord symbols now works as expected if you have both a main and capo chord symbol selected.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	The horizontal position of a stack of main and capo chord symbols is now correct if set to be center-aligned.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	If you edit a paragraph style while editing a page template, the changes to the paragraph style are now reflected in the text frames in the template right away.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	It is now possible to drag lines with no drawn body in Engrave mode.
<i>Fingering</i>	It is now possible to correctly set and unset the <b>Stopped finger position</b> property for grace notes.
<i>Fingering</i>	The <b>Slur-relative position</b> property now appears as expected for fingerings for fretted instruments positioned outside the staff.
<i>Fingering</i>	The thumb indicator for left-hand fingering on fretted instruments is now drawn using the correct T symbol.
<i>Font styles</i>	Using the <b>Move Up/Move Down</b> buttons to re-order fonts in the <b>Substitute fonts</b> list in <b>Library ► Font Styles</b> could lead to corruption; this has now been fixed.
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	Changing the number of strings in a fretted instrument could cause the strings in tablature to become misaligned in galley view during note input and editing; this has now been fixed.
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	Under some circumstances, changing the options on the <b>Players</b> page of Layout Options to hide or show notation and tablature could result in bar rests appearing or disappearing incorrectly in the tablature; this has now been fixed.
<i>Harp pedals</i>	It is now possible to create a harp pedal change using the new <b>Harp Pedals</b> section of the Playing Techniques panel at the caret position.
<i>Instrument score orders</i>	Although every instrument type is expected to be found in every instrument score order, if for some reason an instrument is not found, it will now be positioned next to its parent, if it is based on another instrument type, rather than always being positioned at the very end of the list.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Using <b>Increase Dynamic Intensity</b> or <b>Decrease Dynamic Intensity</b> now correctly updates the display in the velocity editor right away.
<i>Live editing</i>	When auditioning dragged notes, any transposition defined in the expression map is now correctly applied.

Component	Issue
<i>Localization</i>	The default shortcut for creating a MIDI trigger region in French has been corrected.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Under some circumstances, a lyric extender line at the start of the system for a lyric on the previous system could be drawn at the wrong vertical position relative to the staff; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	The appearance of lyric slurs for East Asian lyrics has been improved, so that they appear suitably curved at a wider range of staff sizes.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Slashed grace notes are now correctly exported to MusicXML.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	The text components of immediate and gradual tempo changes are now correctly exported to MusicXML once more.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could export invalid MusicXML for lyrics; this has now been fixed.
<i>Navigation</i>	It is now possible to navigate to a hairpin starting at the same position as the selected note or chord with <b>Tab</b> , and to cycle the selection back to the note or chord by repeatedly pressing <b>Tab</b> .
<i>Note input</i>	If <b>Jump over rests to next note only if closer than <i>n</i> quarters (crotchets)</b> is activated, Dorico now correctly takes into account the duration of the note at the caret position when determining whether to leave Lock Duration mode.
<i>Note input</i>	Dorico once again shows a warning as expected when trying to create bars without first creating a time signature.
<i>Page layout</i>	Under rare circumstances, an edit to the first bar on the system would not cause Dorico to reconsider whether that bar could now fit on the previous system, resulting in the casting off changing unexpectedly later on when further edits have occurred; this has now been fixed.
<i>Percussion</i>	If a percussion legend has overridden text that consists only of whitespace, Dorico now correctly shows a signpost.
<i>Play mode</i>	When adding a new VST plug-in, by default its FX sends are now correctly disabled.
<i>Play mode</i>	Adding a new voice to a grand staff instrument now causes an extra track to appear right away in Play mode if independent voice playback is enabled.
<i>Playing techniques</i>	Under some circumstances, adjacent playing techniques that partially overlap could have an unstable vertical order; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Project files are no longer marked as dirty as soon as they are opened.

Component	Issue
<i>Project files</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when trying to retrieve information about stem connection points for noteheads; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could trigger auto-save in the middle of exporting audio, MIDI, or MusicXML files, which could result in the application freezing; this has now been fixed.
<i>Rehearsal marks</i>	<b>Go To Rehearsal Mark</b> and the <b>Go To</b> mode of the jump bar now handle rehearsal mark sequences where the first rehearsal mark in the flow has an overridden index.
<i>Slurs</i>	Slurs with overridden <b>Curvature type</b> properties now use the correct middle thickness value as specified in Engraving Options.
<i>Text</i>	The corner radius for text borders using the <b>Round rectangle</b> border style now appear consistently at different staff sizes.
<i>User interface</i>	The buttons in the <b>Grace Notes</b> section of the <b>Timing</b> page of Playback Options now work as expected.
<i>User interface</i>	It is now possible to add or remove individual items to or from the selection in the instrument families and instrument score order editors using <b>Ctrl</b> +click (Windows) or <b>Command</b> -click (macOS).
<i>User interface</i>	If the location where Dorico expects to position the popover is out of view – for example, above the top staff in the system when adding a time signature or barline – the popover is now moved so that it appears within the current view.
<i>Video</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when opening a project with an attached video; this has now been fixed.

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## Improvements

### Accidentals

*New View options.* Two new options have been added to the **View ► Note and Rest Colors** submenu to highlight different kinds of accidentals in the music:

- **Cautionary Accidentals** causes accidentals that appear due to the options set on the **Accidentals** page of Notation Options to be displayed in pink.
- **Forced Accidentals** causes accidentals that appear due to the **Accidental** property being used to force the visibility of the accidental to be displayed in a blue-green color.

You can change the colors using the corresponding new options found in the **Other Colors** section of the **Colors** page of Preferences. These new view options are useful for proof-reading.

### Brackets and braces

*Custom instruments.* Dorico now allows adjacent players holding custom instruments that are variants of the same parent instrument, and which have identical full and short staff labels, and identical transpositions, to show sub-brackets.

### Chord diagrams

*Fingerings.* Fingerings are now always displayed in **Library ► Chord Diagrams**.

### Chord symbols

*Scaling of parentheses.* The **Height of parentheses relative to height of chord symbol** option in the **Parentheses** section of the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options is now always applied, not only when **Scale parentheses to height of chord symbol with linear arrangement** is activated.

### Harp pedals

*Harp pedals editor.* A new **Harp Pedals** section has been added to the Playing Techniques panel in Write mode, containing a simple editor for harp pedal changes. When you select a harp pedal change in the music area, you can use the new editor to change the pedals of the selected item. With nothing selected, you can instead set up the pedals for a new harp pedal change: when you click **Create**, the harp pedal diagram will either be created at the selected position, or (if your preferences allow) the mouse pointer will be loaded, allowing you to click in the music area to place the new harp pedal change.

## Instrument editor

*Instrument families editor.* You can now select and move multiple instruments in or out of a family at the same time.

## Instruments

*Default noteheads for crash cymbals.* Crash cymbals now show regular noteheads when added as an individual percussion instrument, but still use cross noteheads as expected when they appear in a drum set.

## Jump bar

*Navigation to rehearsal mark in flow.* In **Go to** mode, it is now possible to navigate to a specific rehearsal mark in a flow using **fxry**, where x is the flow number and y is the rehearsal mark letter or number.

## Library Manager

*Page sizes.* Custom page sizes are now shown in the Library Manager, and can be imported into projects as needed.

## MusicXML export

*Pick-up bars.* Pick-up bars are now exported correctly, with the appropriate prefix for their bar number.

*Bar rests.* Bar rests are now more correctly encoded when exporting MusicXML.

*System-attached items.* System-attached items, for example tempos, now correctly use the **system** attribute to differentiate them from staff-attached items.

*Slurs and ties.* Style information for slurs and ties, in particular whether they are solid or dashed, is now exported to MusicXML.

*Notes.* Stem information for notes is now exported more reliably, both for whole notes (breves) and longer that naturally show no stem, and for notes that normally show a stem but whose stems have been hidden. In addition, Dorico now exports notes whose size has been changed using the **Scale** or **Custom scale** properties as cue-sized, grace note-sized, or cue grace note-sized.

*Lyric elisions.* Lyrics with elisions are now exported correctly to MusicXML.

## MusicXML import

*Custom paragraph styles.* A new **Import font style information** option has been added to the **Other Notations** section of the **MusicXML Import** page of Preferences, allowing you to specify whether Dorico should create new paragraph styles for text items it imports, to retain the specified font family, size, and formatting in the MusicXML file.

## Note input

*Special barlines.* Special barlines are now included when performing marquee selections, and when repeating selected material with **R**.

## Page sizes

*Page size editor.* A new **Library ► Page Sizes** dialog has been added, allowing you to edit the preset page sizes shown in the **Page Setup** page of Layout Options and define your own. If you save changes as defaults to your user library, they will appear both in the **Create New** page of the Hub window, and in the **Page Setup** page of Layout Options for newly created projects.

## Playback

*Glissando playback.* Keyboard and pitched percussion instruments now produce a white notes glissando by default.

## Playback techniques

*Used playback techniques.* In **Library ► Playback Techniques**, Dorico now only allows you to delete user-defined playback techniques that are not referenced by playing techniques in your project.

## Staff labels

*Grouping for custom instruments.* Dorico now allows grouped staff labels for adjacent players holding custom instruments that are variants of the same parent instrument, and which have identical full and short staff labels.

## Text export

*Open after export preference.* A new option **Open text CSV in default application after export** has been added to the **Files** section of the **General** page of Preferences, allowing you to choose whether the exported CSV file should be opened in the default application for that file type on your system immediately after export.

## User interface

*Staff size in Layout Options.* The read-out of the staff size in the **Page Setup** page of Layout Options is now always shown to a precision of two decimal places.



## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Accidentals</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could show an unnecessary cautionary accidental for a note in a different octave in the following bar if the note that introduces the accidental at the original octave was in a different voice; this has now been fixed.
<i>Audio export</i>	When using sample rates higher than 88.2kHz, the first notes in an exported audio track would have incorrect note positions; this has now been fixed.
<i>Bar numbers</i>	In some circumstances, irregular bars could be numbered incorrectly, so that the bar count does not increment correctly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Bar repeats</i>	Bar repeat regions appear correctly in condensed staves once more.
<i>Brackets and braces</i>	Under some circumstances, sub-brackets for condensed staves would not always appear in systems where staves are hidden; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	When activating the <b>Hidden</b> property for chord symbols, any displayed chord diagram is now correctly and immediately hidden.
<i>Condensing</i>	Under certain circumstances, when condensing section players where some but not all divisi staves can be condensed, Dorico could end up showing a multi-bar rest and hiding music on one or more of the divisi staves; this has now been fixed.
<i>Condensing</i>	Under some circumstances, creating new custom condensing groups would not cause time signatures to appear on the new condensed staves until the project was reopened; this has now been fixed.
<i>Cues</i>	Highlights to show suggested cue locations now appear on the correct staff in projects with divisi staves or condensing enabled.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Splitting a flow in the middle of a dynamic group now works more reliably, and properties set on the dynamic group are now retained.
<i>Fingering</i>	It is now possible to add left- and right-hand fingering for user-defined fretted instruments, as it should be.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Instrument families are now listed in the same order as the prevailing instrument score order in <b>Library ► Instrument Families</b> .
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Changing the families in which an existing instrument in the project appears now immediately updates its position in the score order, provided a score order is set for the project.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	If a single variant instrument is shown in an instrument family in the score order editor, it would sometimes appear without its variant description; this has now been fixed.

Component	Issue
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Editing an instrument's family now always updates its bracketing in the current project immediately.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	The <b>Jazz</b> instrument score order has been revised to fix some errors that had crept in.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Dorico no longer unnecessarily writes the user library when confirming the <b>Library ▶ Instrument Families</b> dialog if no changes need to be saved.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	It is now possible to make a project-local change to an instrument family that is saved in the user library, without also unexpectedly updating the family in the user library.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances, a custom instrument family could appear in the families list in <b>Library ▶ Instrument Score Orders</b> , even though no instruments from that family appear there in the order; now, empty families are correctly filtered out.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Creating a new instrument or variant based on a factory default instrument that has been moved to another instrument family no longer causes a crash.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Deleting a user-defined instrument now also removes references to it from the instrument families and instrument score orders in which it appears.
<i>Live editing</i>	Under some circumstances, dragging notes from a percussion staff to a pitched staff would be incorrectly disallowed; this has now been fixed.
<i>Live editing</i>	Dragging tuplets containing a mixture of notes and rests now works correctly, regardless of whether you are dragging a note or a rest.
<i>Live editing</i>	Under some circumstances, dragging notes could result in a crash in layouts where multi-bar rests are shown; this has now been fixed.
<i>Live editing</i>	When auditioning dragged notes, instrument transposition is now correctly taken into account.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could show a verse number before a lyric extender line at the start of the system; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	The positioning of lyrics on percussion kit and grid staves is correct once more.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Setting properties on lyrics on percussion kit and grid staves now works more reliably.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Pasting East Asian language lyrics into the <b>Shift+L</b> popover no longer causes the lyric to be pasted twice.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Rehearsal marks are correctly exported to MusicXML once more.

Component	Issue
<i>Note input</i>	The <b>Toggle MIDI Input</b> and <b>Toggle MIDI Thru</b> commands now work reliably in all circumstances.
<i>Note input</i>	The focus is now automatically returned to the music area after creating an item via a popover, allowing you to navigate with <b>Tab</b> right away.
<i>Note input</i>	When setting a flat, natural, or sharp accidental on a selected note when using a custom tonality system, Dorico would sometimes fail to choose an appropriate accidental if the default music symbol was not used; now it will choose the first accidental that provides the required pitch delta.
<i>Percussion</i>	The read-out of the percussion instrument and playing technique for selected notes now appears correctly once more.
<i>Playback</i>	When activating an existing project for playback for the first time, the appropriate space template settings were not correctly applied; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico Elements will now correctly show playback templates that use HALion Symphonic Orchestra if you have a dedicated license for that library.
<i>Playback</i>	Fermatas following metric modulations now always play with the correct duration.
<i>Playback</i>	Under certain circumstances, gaps following fermatas at fast tempos could result in the wrong, very fast tempo being used following the fermata; this has now been fixed.
<i>Play mode</i>	When changing playback template, the list of presets displayed in the <b>Routing</b> section of the Track Inspector panel now updates immediately (Dorico for iPad only).
<i>Play mode</i>	Applying a playback template now correctly updates the state of the port and channel spin boxes in the <b>Routing</b> section of the Track Inspector.
<i>Play mode</i>	Changing the expression or percussion map in the <b>Routing</b> section of the Track Inspector now immediately refreshes playback.
<i>Print mode</i>	For projects with one or more pages of front matter before the first page of music, Dorico could crash when attempting to export separate PDFs for each flow; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	The <b>Dorico Projects</b> folder in the default save location was not always created correctly when running Dorico for the first time; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Project files</i>	When opening existing projects, Dorico now sets the <b>Default Music Text Font</b> font style to have no parent if it finds that it has one set.
<i>Project files</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when opening projects due to a problem with calculating fermata playback; this has now been fixed.

Component	Issue
<i>Scrub playback</i>	Dorico now more reliably determines the chosen microtonal playback method from the current expression map.
<i>Text</i>	Paragraph styles that use a Bold Italic weight now appear correctly.
<i>Text</i>	When applying Markdown formatting to text tokens, Dorico now more reliably combines existing formatting in the text item with the Markdown formatting.
<i>Text export</i>	When exporting text from the project, multi-line text items are now always exported with spaces replacing line breaks.
<i>Text export</i>	Staff- and system-attached text are now correctly classified when exporting text.
<i>User interface</i>	The system track now shows the rhythmic grid for the whole duration of an open meter bar at the end of a flow in galley view.
<i>User interface</i>	The list of music fonts on the <b>Create New</b> page of the Hub is now correctly alphabetically sorted.
<i>User interface</i>	The contrast between the foreground and background of the <b>Follow playhead</b> switch on the status bar when using the light theme has been improved.
<i>User interface</i>	The state of the hand/marquee tools in the status bar now always correctly matches the corresponding preference when opening an existing project.
<i>User interface</i>	The button to show or hide the tab bar is now correctly disabled when the page template or flow heading editor is open.
<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances, opening the flow heading editor when the page template editor is open could cause the page template editor to be unexpectedly reopened when switching to another layout; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	The suggested default path provided for exporting expression and percussion maps from their respective dialogs is now more sensible.

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## New features

### Iconica Sketch

Iconica Sketch is a complete orchestra with 34 different instruments and 140 articulations in an exceptionally intuitive interface — optimized in file size and CPU performance. The original recordings from Iconica have been carefully selected and remastered to deliver a well-balanced, high-quality orchestral experience.

The following instruments are included in the library:

- **Woodwinds:** Piccolo, Flute 1, Flute 2, Clarinet 1, Clarinet 2, Bass Clarinet, Oboe 1, Oboe 2, English Horn, Bassoon 1, Bassoon 2, Contra Bassoon
- **Brass:** Trumpet (solo), Trumpets (ensemble), Horn (solo), Horns (ensemble), Euphonium, Trombone (solo), Trombones (ensemble), Tuba
- **Pitched percussion:** Harp, Celesta, Timpani, Tubular Bells, Marimba, Vibraphone, Glockenspiel, Xylophone
- **Unpitched percussion:** Percussion Map, including gran cassa, snare, toms, piatti cymbals, tam tam, tambourine, triangle, cowbells, congas, vibraslap, bongos, castanets, wood blocks, bell tree, chimes
- **Strings:** Violins I, Violins II, Violas, Celli, Basses

Each instrument section provides a consistent set of playing techniques:

- **Woodwinds:** legato, staccato, marcato, sustain, sustain vibrato
- **Brass:** legato, staccato, marcato, sustain, sustain vibrato
- **Strings:** legato, staccato, pizzicato, piccato, sustain, legato, tremolo, sustain vibrato
- **Unpitched percussion:** hit, roll (for most instruments)

To use Iconica Sketch in Dorico 5.1, choose one of the factory playback templates that include **Iconica Sketch** in its name.

*Default playback template.* When Dorico detects that new sound content that is handled by one of its factory playback templates has been installed, it will now show a simple dialog when you next start the application, allowing you to update your chosen default playback template to make use of the new sounds.

For example, when you first run Dorico 5.1 after installing the new Iconica Sketch sounds, Dorico will show the dialog and offer to set the best available factory playback template that includes Iconica Sketch. If Groove Agent SE is installed, it

will also allow you to choose whether to use a default playback template that uses Groove Agent SE for drum set instruments.

The dialog will also appear if Dorico detects that NotePerformer has been installed, allowing you to easily choose the NotePerformer playback template by default.

You can review and change the default playback template on the **Play** page of Preferences at any time.

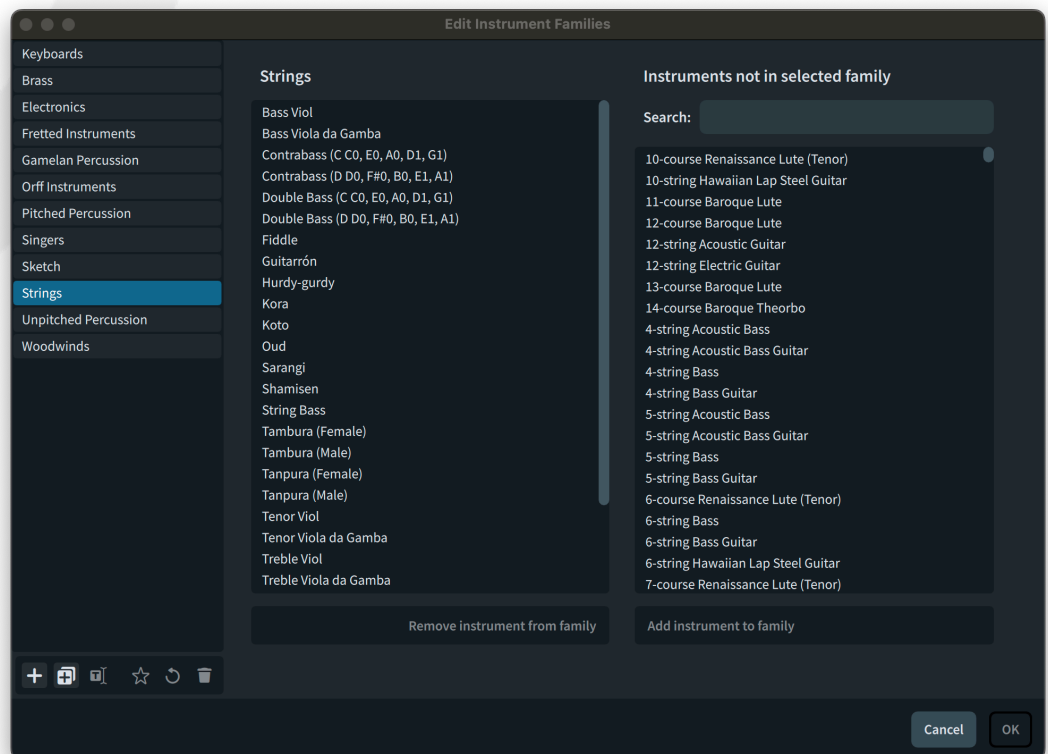
Changing the default playback template does not affect the choice of playback template in existing projects: if you want to use, say, Iconica Sketch in an existing project, open the project, then choose **Play ► Playback Template**, select the playback template you want to use, then click **Apply and Close**.

*Example projects.* Three example projects are included that show off the capabilities of Iconica Sketch. Find them in **/Users/Shared/Dorico Example Projects** on macOS and in **%PUBLIC%\Documents\Dorico Example Projects** on Windows.

## Instrument families editor

Building on the new instrument editor introduced in Dorico 5.0, Dorico 5.1 introduces an editor for instrument families, allowing you to move instruments between existing families, and create your own, either for the purposes of a single project or to create new default families for all future projects.

To get started, choose **Library ► Instrument Families**. This dialog appears:



On the left-hand side of the dialog, the instrument families in the current project are shown. The familiar action bar at the bottom of the list allows you to create a new empty family, or a new family based on the currently-selected family. From right to left, the buttons at the right-hand end of the action bar allow you to: delete the selected family, if it is a user-defined one; revert the selected family back to its factory state, if it is a default one; and to save the current state of the selected family to the user library, so that it will be available in other projects. When the star icon is filled, the selected family is saved in the user library, and when it is an outline, the selected family is not saved in the user library.

The list in the middle of the dialog shows the instruments in the current family, in alphabetical order. The order in which instruments appear in the score is defined separately, since different ensembles and types of music have different conventions for how instruments should be ordered.

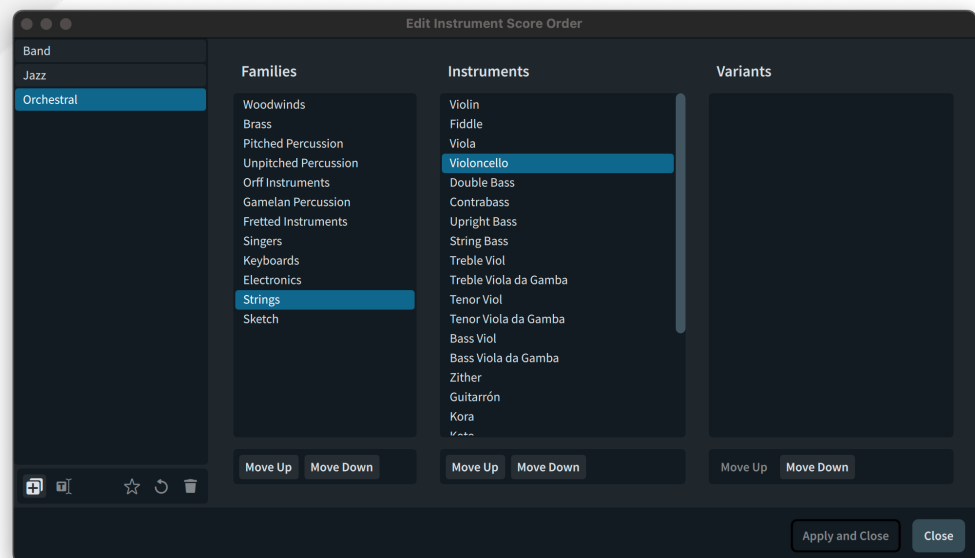
The list on the right-hand side of the dialog shows all of the instruments that are not in the current family. Instruments can appear in multiple families if necessary. To add instruments to the current family, select them in the **Instruments not in selected family** list and click **Add instrument to family** in the action bar.

Likewise, to remove one or more instruments from the selected family, select them in the central list and click **Remove instrument from family**.

## Instrument score order editor

In addition to the new editor for instrument families, Dorico 5.1 also now introduces an editor for instrument score orders, allowing you both to edit the factory-supplied score orders, and create your own.

To get started, choose **Library ► Instrument Score Orders**. This dialog appears:



The list on the left-hand side shows the instrument score orders in the current project. You can create a new score order by selecting an existing score order and clicking the **New from Selection** button in the action bar.

For each of the **Families**, **Instruments**, and **Variants** columns, you can select an item and click **Move Up** or **Move Down** to move the selection in the overall score order. Moving, for example, a selected family down in the list will move all of the instruments in that family below all of the instruments in the family that now appears above it in the list.

To save a new instrument score order as a default that will be available in new projects, click the star button. When the star icon is filled, the selected score order is saved in the user library, and when it is an outline, the selected score order is not saved in the user library.

*Instrument score order selector.* A new selector has been added to the status bar in Setup mode, allowing you to see at a glance which instrument score order is currently in force. (This does not appear in Dorico for iPad.)

*Applying an instrument score order.* When you choose an instrument score order, either via the long-press button in the action bar in the Players panel or via the new selector in the status bar, Dorico now immediately sorts the players according to the newly chosen score order.

*Manually ordering players.* When you manually reorder players in the Players panel, Dorico now automatically sets the instrument score order to **None**, so that subsequent operations in the Players panel, such as adding or deleting players, don't undo the manual changes by re-applying the current instrument score order.

*Jazz instrument score order.* A new **Jazz** instrument score order has been added, with thanks to Todd Bashore. The order is essentially: woodwind, brass (with trumpets above horns), vocals, pitched percussion, guitars, keyboard instruments, bass (bass guitars, upright bass, string bass), drums, other unpitched percussion, harp, strings, sketch instruments.

*Orchestral instrument score order.* The orchestral score order has been improved, with particular attention paid to percussion instruments, which now follow more closely the recommendations in Kurt Stone's book *Music Notation in the 20th Century*.

## Polyphonic voice balancing

Building on the pitch contour emphasis algorithm introduced in Dorico 5.0, this update introduces sophisticated algorithms that aim to improve the relative balance of voices in music written for polyphonic instruments such as piano, guitar, harp, and mallet percussion. When performing, human musicians always try to



bring out the melody, with the bass being given almost as much emphasis, and accompaniment textures being given the least emphasis. By contrast, when software plays back music that was not originally performed by a human musician, each voice is given equal emphasis, which can sound unmusical.

Dorico 5.1's new polyphonic voice balancing features produce human-like interpretation of polyphonic textures. To avoid changing the playback of existing projects, these features are disabled by default when opening an existing project, and enabled by default for newly-created projects. To enable them, activate **Use automatic polyphonic voice balancing** on the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options.

Optionally, Dorico can also attempt to identify contrapuntal themes in the music, and can then emphasize these during playback, regardless of the voice in which they appear. This is especially useful for fugues, but may also produce pleasing results in other contrapuntal music with shared thematic material. This option is disabled both in existing projects and in newly created ones: to enable it, activate **Use rules for contrapuntal music** on the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options.

*Example projects.* We have included two example projects that show off the polyphonic voice balancing (Liszt's *Liebesträume*) and contrapuntal theme identification (Fugue 16 from the first book of *The Well-tempered Clavier* by J.S. Bach). Find them in **/Users/Shared/Dorico Example Projects** on macOS and in **%PUBLIC%\Documents\Dorico Example Projects** on Windows.

## Text export

Publishers often need to be able to extract textual information from projects, to populate catalogue databases or simply to be able to review the text that appears in the project for the purposes of proof-reading and correction. Dorico can now generate a comma separated values (CSV) file from the project, extracting all the visible text, including:

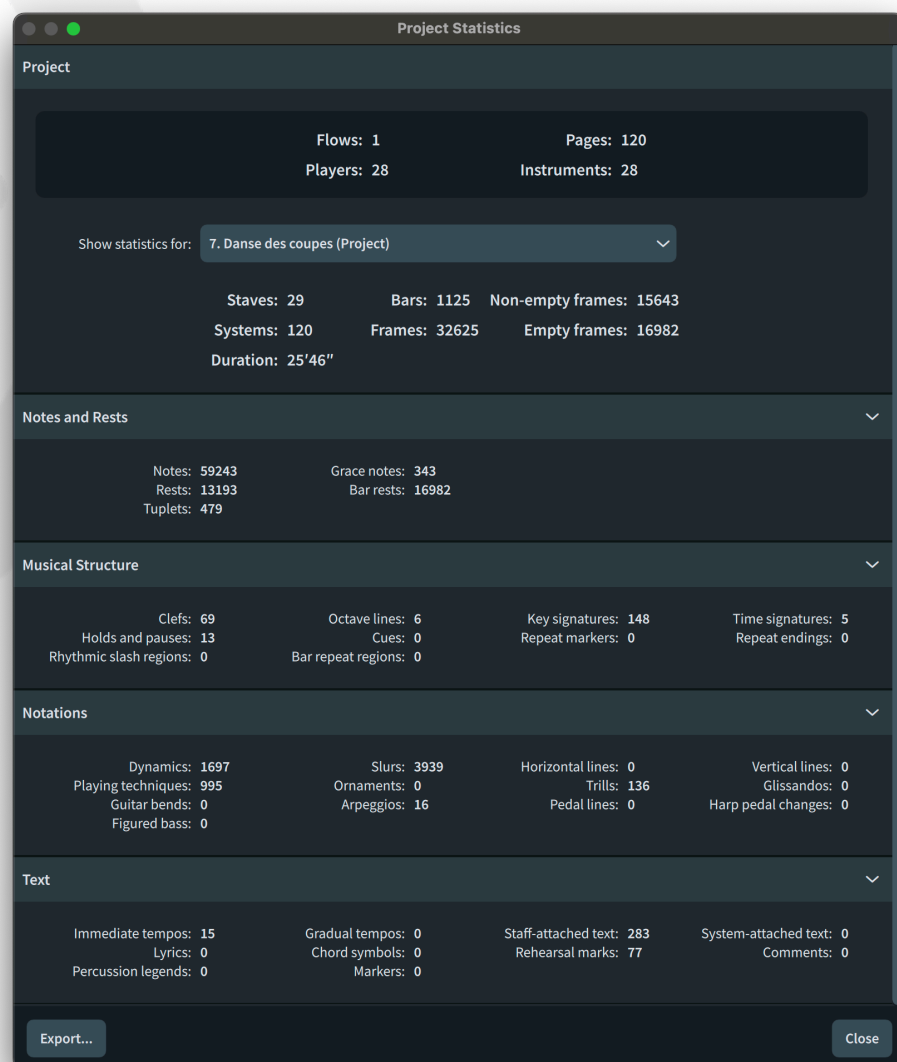
- Values from **File ► Project Info**, both for the overall project and for each flow
- Text frames on each page
- Staff-attached and system-attached text
- Lyrics
- Immediate and gradual tempo instructions
- Playing techniques
- Dynamics
- Rehearsal marks
- Markers
- Comments

To export text from the current project, choose **File ► Export ► Text**. You will be prompted to specify the filename for the resulting CSV file. Once saved, Dorico will attempt to open the exported file using the default application associated with CSV files on your system.

## Project statistics

Professional music copyists are sometimes required to calculate the number of frames they have copied to calculate their fee for a job. In this context, a *frame* is a bar in a staff, so a short chamber piece of 80 bars for 5 instruments would have 400 frames. It may also be necessary to differentiate between frames with music in, and empty frames containing only bar rests, as in some union pay scales these can be charged at different rates.

Dorico now provides an easy way to gather the number of frames in your project, along with many other handy statistics, via the new **File ► Project Statistics** dialog.

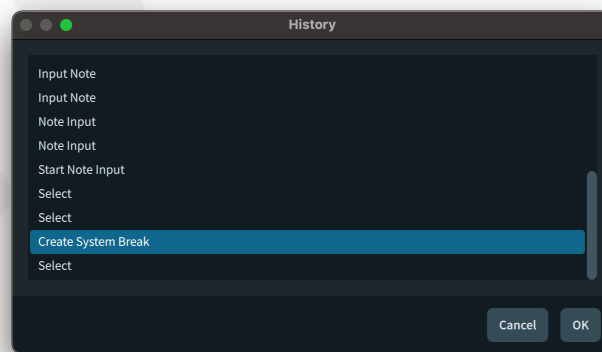


The dialog shows a few key statistics about the full score layout in the project, if one exists; if no full score layout exists, Dorico will calculate statistics based on the layout you are currently viewing. By default, combined statistics for all flows in the project are shown, but you can choose any of the flows in the project from the **Show statistics for** drop-down menu to view statistics for only one flow.

If you need to work with this information in another application, click **Export** to export all the statistics to a plain text file. Each category of data and its corresponding value is separated with a tab stop, so the resulting file can be easily imported into a spreadsheet application.

## History dialog

A new **Edit ► History** dialog has been added, allowing you to undo or redo to any point in the history. The edits listed in the **History** dialog use the same names that are used directly in the **Edit** menu for the **Undo** and **Redo** menu items.



Depending on the size of your project and the speed of your computer, you may see the intervening edits carried out when you undo or redo by many steps. Dorico needs to carry out each edit in turn to ensure that the correct history is always maintained.

## Improvements

### Accidentals

*Accidentals and unshortened ledger lines.* By default, Dorico shortens ledger lines on the left-hand side of notes to allow accidentals to tuck in more closely to the notes without colliding. If you choose not to shorten ledger lines, Dorico uses the values defined in the **Gaps** section of the **Accidentals** page of Engraving Options to determine the distance between the rightmost accidental and the ledger line. These options are used for the staff position at which the accidental appears, and the adjacent positions directly above and below.

However, a sharp on the top or bottom line of the staff may come too close to the first ledger line outside the staff, so to allow Dorico to give a sharp a little more breathing room, a new option **Use gap for rightmost sharp if to left of adjacent unshortened ledger line** has been added. This is activated by default in new projects but deactivated in existing projects to maintain their current appearance.

### Audio engine

*Error recovery.* If Dorico's audio engine crashes or hangs during start-up, Dorico now shows a message and quits. It also creates a diagnostic report on your computer's desktop, suitable for attaching to a ticket to your local support team, or posting on the Dorico forum.

Similarly, if the audio engine takes an unusually long time to initialize when Dorico starts up, it will now show a message informing you of that fact, and offering to terminate the audio engine if necessary. Alternatively, it may be that a VST plug-in being scanned by the audio engine is showing a message box or dialog that requires user input. If you choose to terminate the audio engine, Dorico will force it to quit, then exit, again creating a diagnostic report on the desktop.

*Steinberg built-in ASIO Driver.* On Windows, Dorico now includes a new default ASIO driver, the Steinberg built-in ASIO Driver. This new ASIO driver does not try to take exclusive ownership of the audio device in your computer, so it should always be possible to both play back in Dorico and hear audio from other applications at the same time.

*Initial time signature.* For plug-ins that rely on knowledge of the time signature, Dorico now transmits the initial time signature to VST instruments as well as the initial tempo. Only the initial time signature and tempo are transmitted: changes of time signature and tempo will be supported in a future version.

### Bar numbers

*Avoiding collisions.* In instrumental parts for commercial music and recording sessions, it's common to show bar numbers on every bar, and to position bar numbers

immediately above or below each barline, typically using a narrow font at a relatively small staff size. It's desirable for such bar numbers to tuck in as close as possible to the barline. By default, Dorico will move bar numbers outside obstructions coming from the staff, such as ties or slurs that cross above or below the staff. If you would prefer Dorico never to move bar numbers by default, so that you can manually adjust the specific bar numbers you think need to be repositioned, deactivate the new **Avoid collisions** option on the **Bar Numbers** page of Layout Options.

## Brackets and braces

*Brace position.* From the department of vanishingly small minutiae, when determining the precise position and size of the brace glyph for a grand staff instrument, Dorico now considers the thickness of the top and bottom staff lines. This makes a small but perceptible difference to the size and placement of the brace relative to the staff.

## Chord diagrams

*Exclude from chords used frame.* A new property **Exclude from chords used at start of flow** has been added to the **Chord Symbols** group in the Properties panel; activate this if you want the chord diagram associated with that chord symbol not to appear in the grid of chord diagrams shown at the start of the flow, if present.

## Clefs

*Positioning on irregular staves.* Clefs are now correctly positioned on staves with more or fewer than five staff lines. Pitched staves in Dorico are always built upwards from the bottom staff line, so if you have a pitched instrument with a 1-line staff, the single staff line that appears is the bottom line of the staff; i.e. if you have a treble G clef, the pitch of a note on that single staff line would be E4, or if you have a bass F clef, the pitch of a note on that single staff line would be G2.

## Cues

*Clefs for cues starting at barlines.* A new option **Position of clef at start of cue coincident with barline** has been added to the **Clefs** section of the **Cues** page of Engraving Options. This allows you to specify that a cue starting at a barline position that requires a clef change should have its clef positioned to the left of the barline rather than to the right, as some publishers prefer.

*Rhythmic cues.* It is now possible to use rhythmic slashes instead of regular noteheads in rhythmic cues. This can be set as a default for the project and overridden for an individual cue using the Properties panel. A new **Use rhythmic slashes** option has been added to the **Rhythmic Cues** section of the **Cues** page of Engraving Options, where you can also choose what type of slashes should be used for rhythmic cues.

To override this setting for an individual cue, select the cue label and activate the **Use rhythmic slashes** property to specify whether a rhythmic cue should be displayed using slashes, or set **Slash appearance** to use a different slash appearance for that cue.

It is also now possible to move rhythmic cues into the staff if desired, by setting the **Distance** property to a negative value.

## Divisi

*Divisi labels.* A new option **Snap divisi unison labels to notes** option has been added to the **Staff Labels** section of the **Staves and Systems** page of Layout Options. When activated, Dorico will snap the *unis.* labels for a return to unison after a divisi passage to the first note in the unison passage, if the return to unison occurs at a rest. This option is switched on in new projects but switched off in existing projects to preserve their appearance.

*Horizontal position.* A new **Default horizontal offset** option has been added to the **Divisi Change Labels** section of the **Divisi** page of Engraving Options, allowing divisi labels to be positioned slightly to the left of the entry to which they apply, if desired.

*Erase background.* A new **Erase background with padding** option has been added to the **Divisi Change Labels** section of the **Divisi** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify that Dorico should erase the background behind divisi labels.

*Unison ranges.* The way that ranges of unison music on systems where staves transition to or from divisi has been completely reworked, which will allow us to fix a number of long-standing problems concerning the appearance of music at and around these transitions, including the appearance (or occasional non-appearance) of time and key signatures, problems with accidental calculation, and spacing.

## Dynamics

*Hyphenated text gradual dynamics.* A new option **Position of final syllable** has been added to the **Hyphenated Text** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify whether a gradual dynamic shown as hyphenated text, for example *cresc-en-do*, should end with its final syllable, or should show a dashed or dotted line after the final syllable.

By default, in new projects, the gradual dynamic now ends with its final syllable. However, if a gradual dynamic is followed immediately by an immediate dynamic, you may find it preferable for that gradual dynamic to end with a dashed or dotted line to provide some separation between the final syllable *do* and the immediate dynamic. If so, you can override this engraving option using the new **Final syllable at end of line** property in the **Dynamics** group in the Properties panel.

A further new option, **Hyphenated line vertical position**, can be found in the **Advanced Options** section. This allows you to choose whether the line joining the syllables for this dynamic should be positioned at the text baseline, or at half the text x-height (where a hyphen would typically appear). By default, in new projects, this new option is set to **Half x-height**.

Finally, two new options, **Hyphenation for diminuendo** and **Hyphenation for decrescendo**, have been added to the **Advanced Options** section, allowing you to choose between two different ways of hyphenating these words.

*Text with lines gradual dynamics.* Two new options have been added to the **Advanced Options** section of the **Text with Lines** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options. **Abbreviation for diminuendo** and **Abbreviation for decrescendo** allow you to choose between two alternatives for the abbreviation for each of these dynamics, which are used when the **Abbreviate** property is activated.

*Mouse editing.* When dragging dynamics in Write mode with the mouse, the positions that the dynamics will snap to are now consistent with the positions at which the dynamics can appear when moving them via the **Alt**+←/→ shortcuts.

## Engrave mode

*Nudging slurs.* In previous versions of Dorico, dragging slurs with the mouse always constrained their movement to the vertical dimension, and it was necessary to hold the **Alt** key to drag them horizontally. This meant that it was not possible to nudge slurs horizontally using the standard key commands of **Alt** with the arrow keys.

Now things are different: it is now possible to drag slurs in any direction with the mouse, though you can hold **Shift** after you have started dragging to constrain the movement to either the vertical or horizontal dimension, as with other items. This also means that it is now possible to nudge a selected slur by holding **Alt** and using the arrow keys.

*Frame dimensions.* When a single frame is selected in Engrave mode, the dimensions of the frame are now shown in the status bar.

## Fingering

*Substitution positioning.* A new option **Alignment of fingering substitution relative to note** has been added to the **Position** section of the **Fingering** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to choose whether immediate substitutions should be left- or center-aligned with the notehead.



## Fonts

*Nepomuk.* The included version of Nepomuk has been updated, with improvements to the bold weights and the appearance of some eastern European characters.

## Graphics export

*Transparent background.* When exporting graphics in TIFF or PNG format, you can now choose whether to export with a transparent background (the previous default), or whether to use a white background. This option can be found both in the **Graphic Slices** panel in Engrave mode (Dorico Pro only), and in the right-hand options panel in Print mode.

## Harp pedals

*Border and padding.* A new option has been added to the **Harp Pedals** page of Engraving Options allowing you to choose whether pedal changes shown using note names should use the border thickness and padding settings from Engraving Options, or instead from the **Harp Pedal Settings** paragraph style. The advantage of using the paragraph style is that it allows you to adjust the border independently on each side, which may be necessary for some font families.

## Instrument editor

*Families.* A new **Edit Families** button has been added to the instrument editor, allowing you to choose to which families the instrument being edited should belong.

*Instrument score orders.* New instruments created in the instrument editor are now automatically added to the instrument score orders present in the project.

*Percussion playing techniques.* It is now possible to edit the percussion playing techniques of an individual percussion instrument via the instrument editor.

## Jump bar

*Opening directly in either mode.* Two new commands have been added to the **UI** category on the **Key Commands** page of Preferences: **Show Jump Bar in Commands Mode** will show the jump bar and ensure it opens in commands mode, while **Show Jump Bar in Goto Mode** will show the jump bar and ensure it opens in goto mode. This allows you to assign a separate key command to open the jump bar in either mode if you wish.

## Key Editor

*Lock Played Durations.* A new **Lock Played Durations** button has been added to the Key Editor toolbar. This button appears only when the piano roll is displaying notated durations. With this new tool enabled, edits you make to the position or duration of a note in the piano roll will not affect the played position and duration of that note. This allows you to manually quantize the displayed notation while retaining the



precise nuance of the notes if they were recorded in real time or created via MIDI import.

*Default duration display.* A new **Default piano roll display** option has been added to the **General** page of Preferences, allowing you to specify whether the piano roll should use **Played Durations** or **Notated Durations** by default.

*Double-clicking in the ruler.* If Dorico is playing back, double-clicking in the ruler will now stop playback.

## Key signatures

*Cautionary key signatures.* A new option **Cautionary key signature at end of system** has been added to the **Key Signatures** page of Notation Options, allowing you to specify that Dorico should hide the cautionary key signature that appears at the end of the system for a key change that occurs at a system boundary. This can also be overridden for a selected key signature via the new **Cautionary at end of system** property in the **Key Signatures** group in the Properties panel.

*Appearance on irregular staves.* Key signatures will now draw on staves with more or fewer than five staff lines. There are no options to control at which staff position a specific accidental will appear if multiple positions within the staff are possible.

## Lines

*Vertical lines.* When placing vertical lines in the staff, for example when using lines with hooks at the top or bottom to indicate which notes on one staff of a grand staff instrument that should be played by the other hand, it may sometimes be desirable for those lines to have no impact on horizontal spacing. It is now possible to specify that a vertical line should play no part in rhythmic spacing by deactivating **Avoid collisions** in **Library ► Lines**. This can also be overridden for an individual line by setting the new **Avoid collisions** property in the **Lines** group in the Properties panel.

## Live editing

*Chromatic pitch dragging.* You can now edit the pitches of selected notes chromatically by holding down **Shift** after you begin dragging them vertically.

*Dragging rests.* When selecting a mixture of notes and rests, you can now drag the selection vertically or horizontally by dragging one of the selected rests, instead of only being able to drag notes.

## Lyrics

*Lyric-hyphen gaps.* It is now possible to override the default gap between lyrics and hyphens, and the gaps between hyphens, using two new Engrave mode properties in the **Lyrics** group of the Properties panel. **Gap between lyrics and hyphens** is an

override for the **Minimum gap between lyric and hyphen** engraving option, while **Gap between hyphens** overrides the similarly named engraving option.

*Verse numbers.* A new option **Paragraph style to use for verse number** has been added to the **Verse Numbers** section of the **Lyrics** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to choose whether verse numbers should use their own dedicated paragraph style, or instead use the same paragraph style as the following lyric.

*Smart quotes.* Dorico now correctly handles smart quotes in Spanish, where punctuation such as commas and periods (full stops) are positioned after the closing quotation marks.

*Korean IME support.* When entering lyrics using the Korean Input Method Editor (IME) on macOS, it is now possible to simply press **Space** to advance the popover to the next note or chord.

When inputting lyrics in Korean, Dorico now enters Japanese-style lyric hyphens when you advance the caret with **Space** during input. These lyric hyphens are also now center-aligned with the front notehead of the main stem of the note below or above which they appear.

## Mixer

*Apply default output level.* A new command **Play ► Apply Default Output Level** has been added, allowing you to reset the faders for plug-in outputs and the master output in the Mixer to the **Default output level** value specified on the **Play** page of Preferences.

## MusicXML export

*New additions.* MusicXML export has been greatly expanded in Dorico 5.1, with the following all now included when exporting:

- Arpeggio signs and non-arpeggio signs
- Holds and pauses including fermatas, caesuras, and breath marks.
- *Laissez vibrer* ties
- Multi-bar rests
- Staff- and system-attached text items
- Trills (including trills over multiple notes, showing different accidentals along their length) and ornaments
- Glissando lines and slides
- Playing techniques (including bowing marks, natural harmonics, double- and triple-tongue, snap pizzicato, organ heel/toe, fingernails on harp, mute/half-open/open, brass bends, flips, smears, and more)
- Guitar techniques (including bends, pre-bends, hammer-ons, pull-offs, taps, left-hand taps, vibrato bar dips, and vibrato bar scoops)

- Page-attached text (title, composer, copyright, etc.)
- System and staff formatting

*Vertical position.* Dorico now exports vertical positioning information for a number of items:

- Dynamics.
- Lyrics.
- Octave lines.

*Barlines.* If Dorico shows a double barline at a change of key signature, that is now reflected in MusicXML export.

*Tuplets.* When exporting tuplets to MusicXML, Dorico now includes information about whether the bracket/number is visible.

*Octave lines.* Voice-specific octave lines are now exported via MusicXML.

*Slurs.* Slurs that start in one voice and end in another (for example, in cross-staff notation) are now exported to MusicXML. Dorico now also exports the curvature direction for both slurs and ties.

*Chord symbols.* The encoding of some chord symbol qualities, for example **7sus4** and **m(b5)**, has been tweaked to improve interoperability with other applications, for example, Finale.

*Instrument sounds.* Dorico now includes the appropriate MusicXML sound ID for each instrument part when exporting MusicXML.

## MusicXML import

*Non-arpeggio signs.* Non-arpeggio signs are now imported from MusicXML files.

*Arpeggio signs.* A new option **Ambiguous arpeggio signs span all staves** has been added to the **MusicXML import** page of Preferences, allowing you to specify that Dorico should create arpeggio lines across all staves of a multi-staff instrument if the MusicXML file does not correctly specify its extent.

## Note input and editing

*Select to start of system and flow.* Two new commands, **Edit ► Select to Start of System** and **Edit ► Select to Start of Flow**, have been added.

*Toggle MIDI Thru.* A new command **Toggle MIDI Thru** has been added to the **Note Input** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences. You can assign a key command, or use the jump bar, to use this command to toggle the **Enable MIDI thru** option on the **Play** page of Preferences.

## Octave lines

*Dashed line alignment.* Two new options have been added to the **Advanced Options** section of the **Appearance** section of the **Octave Lines** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to adjust the precise vertical position of the dashed or dotted line that follows the symbol at the beginning of an octave line, both on the first system and following a continuation symbol on a subsequent system. In new projects, these new options have been set to provide a better appearance for octave lines by default, but they are not set for existing projects to maintain their appearance.

## Percussion

*Grace notes.* Because of the unique way percussion kit notation works in Dorico, with the notation from individual instruments brought together in the five-line staff presentation type, it has always been impossible to show a run of grace notes spanning multiple instruments in the kit: all of the grace notes will appear as a chord. You can now select a grace note in the five-line staff presentation type and use **Alt+←/→** to move it visually so that you can create the desired run.

*Importing and exporting percussion maps.* When exporting a percussion map via **Library ▶ Percussion Maps**, Dorico will now include any user-defined instruments and playback techniques in the exported library file, so that the percussion map can be fully usefully employed in another project.

## Playback

*Holds and pauses.* Fermatas, caesuras, and breath marks all now influence playback. Playback of holds and pauses works by automatically manipulating the tempo during playback to achieve the required prolongation of the held note, and likewise manipulates the played lengths of the affected notes to allow a gap, if required, before the normal tempo resumes.

For fermatas, options to control the default amount by which the written duration should be extended and the length of the gap for each type of fermata from short to very long are found on the **Timing** page of Playback Options, and these can also be overridden on a per-fermata basis via the new **Hold duration** and **Gap duration** properties in the **Holds and Pauses** group in the Properties panel.

A new **Hold only** property has also been added for fermatas, making it easier to specify that a fermata should only extend the duration of notes, and not create a silence before the next note.

Caesuras do not extend the duration of the notes at that position: instead, they simply insert a gap. By default, a caesura produces a gap of 50% the beat duration of the bar in which it occurs. This can be adjusted by way of the **Gap duration** property.

When editing caesuras in the tempo editor in the Key Editor, note that only the second point in the region can be edited; dragging this down increases the duration of the gap, while dragging it up decreases the duration of the gap.

Like caesuras, breath marks do not extend the duration of notes; indeed, breath marks do not insert any musical time, instead only shortening the durations of the notes that precede them, by default using a value of 50% of the beat duration. To edit the effect of an individual breath mark, simply adjust the played duration of the notes immediately preceding the breath mark in the piano roll.

The playback of holds and pauses can be disabled altogether by deactivating the **Play back pauses** option on the **Timing** page of Playback Options. Individual holds and pauses also respond to the **Suppress playback** and **Suppress on passes** properties.

*Glissandos.* Dorico can now use MIDI pitch bend to play back continuous glissandos, depending on the capabilities of the chosen virtual instrument or playback device.

In earlier versions, glissandos always played back chromatically, except on harp, where they played back according to the current pedal settings. Dorico now determines the default approach for glissando playback according to instrument family: brass, singers, electronics, and strings all play back continuous glissandos by default; other families play back chromatic glissandos.

A new **Playback type** property in the **Glissando Lines** group in the Properties panel allows you to override the default playback approach, and includes the option **White notes**, which can be useful on piano and other keyboard instruments.

The extent to which Dorico can play back continuous glissandos using pitch bend is contingent on the **Pitch bend range** value in the relevant expression map. This setting is found in the **Expression Map Data** section at the top of **Library ► Expression Maps**, which is closed by default when editing an existing expression map. The Iconica Sketch and HALion Symphonic Orchestra sounds that ship with Dorico can only play pitch bend up to a range of +/-2 half-steps (semitones), so any glissando with a larger span will fall back to chromatic playback. NotePerformer, on the other hand, can play back pitch bend up to a range of one octave; any glissando with a larger span will similarly fall back to chromatic playback.

Because MIDI pitch bend applies to the whole channel, Dorico also considers whether other notes will be played by the same endpoint, and falls back on chromatic playback if other notes would be affected by the pitch bend.

In new projects, glissandos play back with a delayed start by default; this means that the glissando fits into the second half of the duration of the note on which the

glissando begins. This is controlled by a new **Delayed start** option on the new **Glissando Lines** page of Playback Options, and can be overridden via the **Delayed start** property in the **Glissando Lines** group in the Properties panel. You can also adjust the delay via the **Delay** property.

When opening projects last saved in an earlier version of Dorico, the **Playback type** property is set to **Chromatic** (or, for harp, to **Auto**) to preserve the existing playback behavior.

*Monophonic legato.* A new **Monophonic** checkbox has been added to the Expression Maps dialog, available when the selected base switch includes the **Legato** playback technique. This allows you to specify that the legato provided by this patch can only be correctly handled if the music is monophonic and that chords cannot be played. If this checkbox is activated, when playing back your music, Dorico will detect whether the legato section contains chords or notes in other voices that will be played by the same endpoint, and remove the legato playback technique; however, the legato note length as specified in Playback Options will still be used. This is enabled, for example, for the legato playback techniques in the new Iconica Sketch library.

*All notes off.* You can now send MIDI messages to stop all sounding notes, reset MIDI controllers, and reset pitch bend by clicking the **Stop** button in the main Transport window when playback is stopped.

*Successive gradual dynamics.* By default, when Dorico encounters two or more gradual dynamics in the same direction (in other words, both *crescendo* or both *diminuendo*) of up to four quarters (crotchets) in length, less than four quarters apart, it treats them as so-called phrasing dynamics, such that the overall dynamic level does not change. This is often desirable, but not in every circumstance. To allow you to disable this behavior, a new option **Reset dynamic level for short consecutive gradual dynamics of same direction** has been added to the **Humanize** section of the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options.

*Playback of chords with repeated notes on keyboard instruments.* A new option **Shortening behavior for other notes belonging to chords with shortened notes due to repetitions** on the **Timing** page of Playback Options allows you to specify that when Dorico encounters a chord that abuts a previous note or chord where one or more of the notes are in common, Dorico should account for the time it would take for the key to be lifted and pressed again by either shortening only the common notes, or shortening the whole chord. By default, Dorico shortens the whole chord, but you can disable this effect altogether if you wish.

## Players

*Instrument changes.* A new option **Instrument transition position** has been added to the **Instrument Changes** section of the **Players** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify whether the change from one instrument to another occurs immediately **After last note of old instrument** or **Before first note in new instrument**.

*Instrument change warnings.* A new **Instrument Change Warnings** paragraph style has been added and is now used to label the end of the material in the old instrument, prior to the entry on the new instrument. This allows the two labels conventionally used in parts to indicate to players when they should take a new instrument to have a different appearance if desired.

In new projects, the existing **Instrument Change Labels** paragraph style now shows a border, so the label that appears at the entry of the new instrument is now boxed.

*Hiding or showing instrument change warnings.* A new option **Show instrument change warnings** has been added to the **Instrument Changes** section of the **Players** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify whether instrument change warnings should be shown in the current layout. In new projects, this option is deactivated in full score layouts and activated in part layouts, since instrument change warnings are typically not required in the full score.

## Playing techniques

*Placement relative to fermatas.* Text-based playing techniques – such as pizz., arco, etc. – and groups of playing techniques joined with arrows or other continuation lines are now positioned outside fermatas. Individual glyph-based playing techniques – such as harmonics, upbow, downbow, etc. – are positioned inside fermatas, as they have always been.

## Play mode

*Track inspector.* The **Track Inspector** panel in the **Routing** tab in Play mode now includes drop-down menus allowing you to see and change the expression map used by the endpoint playing back the selected track, and, if the track corresponds to a percussion kit or instrument, the percussion map used. This allows you to see and change these settings at a glance, without needing to open the Endpoint Setup dialog. The buttons to the right of each drop-down open **Library ► Expression Maps** and **Library ► Percussion Maps** respectively, providing a quick way to edit the currently chosen expression or percussion map.

## Playing techniques

*Hidden playing techniques.* When using the **Shift+P** popover to create playback techniques, if you wrap your input in parentheses, e.g. (**pizz.**), the resulting playing technique item will be hidden by default.



## Project Info

*Markdown formatting.* It is now possible to use simple Markdown formatting for adding bold, italic, and bold italic formatting to the fields in **File ► Project Info**, which will be reproduced when these fields are used to substitute text tokens in text frames in your layouts. To make text italic, add a single asterisk before the first character you want to be italic and add a single asterisk immediately after the last character; to make it bold, add two asterisks before and after the text to be emboldened; to make it bold and italic, add three asterisks before and after the text.

To avoid unexpectedly changing the appearance of existing projects, Markdown formatting is disabled by default in projects last saved in earlier versions and enabled in newly created projects. To enable Markdown formatting in an existing project, activate the **Resolve Markdown formatting for text tokens** option at the bottom of the **Project** page in **File ► Project Info**.

## Print mode

*PDF export.* When **Flows** is chosen in the **Job Type** section in the right-hand panel in Print mode, a new **Separate file for each flow** checkbox now appears. When this is activated, Dorico will export a separate PDF file for each flow chosen for export. Before you use this new capability, click **Filename Options** to edit the filename recipe for PDF export to include either or both the flow number and flow name in the exported filename; otherwise, each flow that is exported will overwrite the previous one.

## Repeat endings

*Appearance of repeat ending segments before the final one.* A new option **Right-hand end of segments before final segment** has been added to the **Segments** section of the **Repeat Endings** page of Engraving Options. This allows you to choose whether the right-hand end of the repeat ending segments before the final segment should have a closed end immediately before the start of the next or final segment, or an open end, either stopping at the next barline, or immediately following the segment number.

A further option **Maximum length for open segment in open meter** allows you to specify the appearance of repeat ending segment with an open right-hand end in a passage using open meter.

## Setup mode

*Delete Empty Players.* A new **Setup ► Delete Empty Players** dialog has been added, allowing you to quickly delete players who have no music in any flow in the project. This can be useful when, for example, importing music into a large existing



template via MusicXML or MIDI, and you then want to remove players with no music.

When you choose **Delete Empty Players**, Dorico shows a simple dialog listing the players in the project with no music: deactivate the checkbox for any players you want to remain in the project, then click **Delete Selected Players** to perform the operation.

*Duplicating players.* When duplicating a player, Dorico now ensures that the newly-created player is positioned in the player order after the existing identical player with the highest player number.

*Duplicating flows.* When duplicating a flow in the Flows panel, Dorico now immediately brings the newly created flow into view.

## Staff labels

*Gap between inner and outer staff labels.* A new option **Distance between inner and outer staff labels on same staff** has been added to the **Horizontal Position** section of the **Staff Labels** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify the distance between the inner and outer staff labels when both appear on the same staff. Previously this always used a fixed value of 1 space.

## Tempo

*Hiding tempos.* It is now possible to specify that a tempo item should be hidden when it is created by wrapping the input for the **Shift+T** popover in parentheses.

*Gradual tempo changes.* If you type **rit...** or **accel...** into the **Shift+T** popover, Dorico will now automatically set the **Gradual tempo appearance** property such that the resulting gradual tempo shows a dotted line.

*Properties panel.* The **Barline interaction** property for gradual tempo items now appears in Write mode as well as in Engrave mode, for consistency with the analogous property for gradual dynamics.

## Text

*Copying rich text.* When you copy one or more selected staff- or system-attached text items to the clipboard, Dorico now copies a rich text representation of the text to the clipboard, allowing you to paste the text into another application while preserving the formatting. By default, Dorico copies the text with HTML formatting, but you can instead specify that Dorico should use plain text (without any formatting information) or Markdown by setting **Format for text items copied to clipboard** in the **Files** section of the **General** page of Preferences.

*Paragraph Styles dialog.* In the event that a paragraph style uses a font family that is not installed on your system, that font name is now displayed in the **Font family** menu,

with its name enclosed in parentheses. This prevents some confusing situations where the paragraph style appears to use, for example, the first font in the list, when the preview shows a different family name.

*Text editing popover.* The maximum point size override allowed for text items is now set to the uselessly large limit of 999pt.

*Select More.* The special behavior for **Edit ▶ Select More** to only select text items that use the same paragraph style as the first selected text item has now been extended such that if you select a text item on multiple staves, Dorico will now select only matching text items on all selected staves.

## Ties

*Tie direction.* Two new options have been added to the **Tie Direction** section of the **Ties** page of Engraving Options.

When a single voice is active, a chord with a mixture of tied and untied notes where the untied notes are furthest from the end of the stem and have different pitches (what Gould calls "single-stemmed moving chords" on page 70 of *Behind Bars*) will by default produce ties that all curve in the same direction, towards the end of the stem. This practice is not followed universally by all publishers, and so the new option **Curvature direction for single-voice chords with moving notes** allows you to specify whether ties should follow Gould's recommendation (**Uniform curvature direction**) or should instead use the standard rules for tie direction (**Allow natural curvature**).

Relatedly, when a single voice is active, a chord with a mixture of a single tied note and one or more untied notes where the untied notes are furthest from the end of the stem and have *identical* pitches will by default produce ties that curve upwards, because Dorico applies the standard rules for tie direction in this circumstance, and a single tie in a chord will, all other things being equal, curve upwards. If you would prefer Dorico to curve the tie away from the untied notes, set the new option **Curvature direction for ties on innermost notes of single-voice chord** to **Ties curve towards stem**. This is set by default in new projects but is set to **Allow natural curvature** in existing projects to preserve their current appearance.

## Time signatures

*Cautionary time signatures.* A new option **Cautionary time signature at end of system** has been added to a new **Time Signatures** page in Notation Options, allowing you to specify that Dorico should hide the cautionary time signature that appears at the end of the system for a change of meter that occurs at a system boundary. This can also be overridden for a selected time signature via the new **Cautionary at end of system** property in the **Time Signatures** group in the Properties panel.

*Color.* Time signatures now support the **Color** property in the **Common** group in the Properties panel.

## User interface

*Key commands for zoom.* It is now possible to create key commands for custom zoom levels via the **Key Commands** page of Preferences. Navigate to **View ► Zoom** in the tree of commands, enter the desired zoom percentage (without the percentage sign) into the **Parameter 'ZoomPercent'** input field, then add the desired key command.

*Zoom level.* When switching between page and galley view, Dorico now retains the same zoom level, rather than reverting to the default zoom level defined in Preferences, and attempts to restore the last view position.

*Show VST plug-in window.* A new command **Show VST Plug-in Window For Selected Staff** has been added to the **Play** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences. You can assign a shortcut to this command to show the window of the VST plug-in used to play back the first staff in the selection; if the instrument in question uses independent voice routing, Dorico will show the VST plug-in used to play the first voice in the selection. In Play mode, the shortcut will open the VST instrument used to play back the track selected in the track overview.

*Minimum project window size.* When you reduce the width of the project window, Dorico now abbreviates the labels on the toggle buttons for switching between page and galley view, and between concert and transposed pitch, so that the minimum width of the project window in Write mode can now be smaller.

*Letter spacing and baseline shift.* The values for letter spacing and baseline shift can now be set to two decimal places both in the Paragraph Styles dialog and in the text editing popover.

*Insert Music Text dialog.* It is now possible to confirm your choice in the **Insert Music Text** dialog by double-clicking the desired glyph.

*Options dialogs.* It is now possible to hit **Return** when the keyboard focus is in the find and search controls in Dorico's five main options dialogs without the dialogs closing.

*Status bar.* The informational read-out for the selected item in the status bar has been expanded as follows:

- *Percussion kits:* A selected note in an unpitched percussion instrument or kit now displays the MIDI pitch that will be played back for that note, taking into consideration the active percussion map.

- *Playing techniques:* Dorico now shows not only the name of the selected playing technique, but also the name and internal ID of the playback technique that it gives rise to in playback.
- *Notes:* For notes with microtonal pitches, Dorico now shows the precise MIDI pitch, expressed as a fraction.

*Galley view margin.* When a player is set to display its name in staff labels, it will nevertheless now show the instrument names in the galley view margin.

*Create New page of the Hub.* A new pair of toggle buttons has been added to the **Create New** page of the Hub window, allowing you to toggle the list of project templates between the familiar grid view and a more compact list view.

*Action bars.* The appearance of action bars has been unified and improved throughout the application.

## Video and timecode

*Updated video engine.* The shared video engine has been updated. The new update now uses Direct2D rather than OpenGL on Windows. You should not notice any practical difference in using the Video window, but please let us know if you run into any problems on either platform.

*Marker appearance.* A new **Border style** option has been added to the **Design** section of the **Markers** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to choose between the same border styles used for text items.

## View options

*Page numbers.* By default, pages using the **First** page template do not show a page number, so when doing page layout in Engrave mode it can be difficult to match up pages in the music area with pages in the Pages panel to, say, apply a page template change. Similarly, when zoomed out to get an overview of the layout, page numbers may be too small to be read easily. To make identifying pages easier, a new **View ► Page Numbers** option has been added: this shows a large, translucent page in the upper corner of each page in the layout.

## Localization

*Importing page template sets.* When running Dorico in a language other than English, the name of an imported page template set based on one of the factory page template sets will now use the translated name instead of the English name.

## Dorico for iPad

*New General MIDI sounds.* Dorico for iPad now uses a new sampler engine based on the same technology that powers the HALion sampler workstation on desktop, and includes a new set of General MIDI sounds that are much more expressive than the Microsonic sounds used by default in previous versions. To use the new sounds in an existing project, choose **Reset Sounds** from the application menu, and tap the **Use General MIDI** button.

*Iconica Sketch.* For users with an active subscription or the Lifetime Unlock in-app purchase, Dorico for iPad now includes the new Iconica Sketch orchestral sound library. All the instruments and techniques of the full desktop version are included, and the sounds have been further compressed to take up only 2GB space on your device.

Before you can use Iconica Sketch, you need to download the new sounds from within the app. If you have a subscription or Lifetime Unlock, you can download the sounds either from the **General** page of Preferences, or from the **Reset Sounds** dialog in the application menu.

To use Iconica Sketch with large orchestral projects, your iPad needs to have more than 4GB RAM. Please check online to find out how much RAM your iPad has. Dorico for iPad examines the model number information about your iPad to determine whether it will recommend using Iconica Sketch for playback on your device. You can still use Iconica Sketch if your iPad has 4GB or less RAM, but we recommend you use it only with smaller projects of up to around 16 players.

If your iPad has more than 4GB RAM, Dorico will default to using a combination of the General MIDI and Iconica Sketch sounds for new projects, but for iPads with 4GB RAM or less, Dorico will default to using only the General MIDI sounds. You can switch between the two different playback templates using the **Reset Sounds** dialog in the application menu.

*Buffer size.* A new option has been added to the **Play** page of Preferences to allow you to set the audio buffer size. If you encounter crackles or drop-outs in busy passages when using Iconica Sketch, try increasing the buffer size.

*Toolbar.* The responsiveness to display orientation and display size on different models of iPad has been improved. The application menu should no longer ever be cut off at the right-hand side of the display, and Dorico now hides parts of the mini transport if required.

*Jump bar.* You can now access the jump bar in Dorico for iPad by tapping the new icon on the toolbar. This allows users without a hardware keyboard attached to access the jump bar.

*Read mode.* When the project is shown in galley view in Write mode, it was impossible to make annotations with the Apple Pencil in Read mode. This has now been fixed. (Apple Pencil annotations in Read mode require an active subscription or the Lifetime Unlock in-app purchase.)



## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Bar numbers</i>	Under some circumstances, the bar number for an irregular bar at the start of the system could incorrectly be shown in square brackets, as if it were the second half of a bar that started on the previous system; this has now been fixed.
<i>Bar numbers</i>	When hiding a selected bar number with the <b>Hide/Show Item</b> command, now only the selected bar number is hidden, rather than all bar numbers until the next time signature.
<i>Bar numbers</i>	Inserting a time signature in the middle of a bar and thus creating an irregular pick-up bar prior to the newly inserted time signature now immediately updates the bar number of the preceding bar, if shown.
<i>Bar numbers</i>	Changing the horizontal position of bar numbers from the center of the bar to the barline or vice versa could lead to some temporary artifacts where other items could avoid the previous position of each bar number; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord diagrams</i>	After editing the strings and tuning for a guitar instrument in the project, the edited tuning now appears right away in the <b>Chord Diagrams</b> submenu of the player context menu in Setup mode, instead of appearing only after you have reopened the project.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	The alignment of parenthesized chord symbols relative to the note or chord with which they are center- or right-aligned has been improved.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Changing chord symbol visibility for a player in Setup mode is now much quicker than before.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	The option to show chord symbols above the top staff in the system is now correctly applied even if the top instrument in the system is itself set not to show chord symbols.
<i>Comments</i>	Comments that are replies to another comment once again appear indented in the Comments panel, as they should.
<i>Comments</i>	If a comment was already selected in the Comments panel and a note selected elsewhere in the music, double-clicking a comment to edit it would result in the comment being moved to the position of the selected note when the edit was confirmed; this has now been fixed.
<i>Comments</i>	Line breaks are now removed from instrument names shown in comments in the Comments panel.
<i>Condensing</i>	Dorico would not always update the condensed music immediately after making changes in Layout Options; this is now fixed.
<i>Condensing</i>	Under rare circumstances, deleting custom condensing groups in Layout Options could result in a crash; this is now fixed.

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<i>Condensing</i>	When condensing divisi sections, under some circumstances, the divisi label on a system may sometimes have only accounted for one of the sections condensed into the stem; this has now been fixed.
<i>Cues</i>	It is now possible to create a cue from a selected multi-bar rest in a part layout, if desired.
<i>Cues</i>	Rhythmic cues from slash voices on pitched instruments now appear correctly in percussion kits.
<i>Divisi</i>	Adjacent lyrics that are in divisi and unison regions respectively now correctly avoid each other when calculating rhythmic spacing.
<i>Divisi</i>	Cautionary time and key signature are no longer missing when unison is restored at a system break but with no intervening divisi unison range.
<i>Divisi</i>	Cautionary time and key signature are no longer missing when unison is restored at a system or frame break, but with no intervening divisi unison range.
<i>Divisi</i>	Key signature cancellations for divisi staves are now calculated and displayed correctly.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs that cross between divisi and unison ranges now appear more reliably.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs that cross transitions between divisi and unison passages now appear correctly in many more circumstances.
<i>Divisi</i>	System-attached items (like tempo markings) that straddle a change from divisi to unison no longer sometimes incorrectly appear on each divisi staff.
<i>Divisi</i>	The calculation of cautionary accidentals when transitioning between different numbers of divisions or between divided and unison music has been improved.
<i>Divisi</i>	The handling of octave lines in divisi sections, in particular where they cross between divisi and unison passages, has been significantly improved.
<i>Divisi</i>	The relative positioning of lines of lyrics and verse numbers in divisi staves is now correct.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, accidentals in divisi staves would not always appear correctly for transposing instruments by default; this has now been fixed.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, moving a divisi change past a clef change could result in a key change drawing twice, once at the staff positions described by one clef, and once at the staff positions described by the other; this has now been fixed.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, the required clefs at transitions between unison and divisi passages would not be shown; this has now been fixed.



Component	Issue
<i>Divisi</i>	When returning to unison following a divisi passage in which the divided material has used a local key signature, accidentals are now displayed correctly in the unison music following the return of the global key signature.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs that start in divisi and cross into unison now appear correctly on systems that are entirely unison.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs from divisi staves to unison staves now appear correctly across system breaks where unison is restored.
<i>Divisi</i>	Divisi unison ranges with more than a single active voice now prevent condensing, as they should.
<i>Divisi</i>	Horizontal lines now appear correctly in unison passages when they end at the start of a divisi passage.
<i>Divisi</i>	Note-attached lines starting in unison ranges and ending in divisi ranges now appear only on the destination divisi staff, like glissando lines.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs between divisi and unison transitions on condensed divisi staves now appear correctly.
<i>Divisi</i>	Slurs now appear correctly on condensed staves for adjacent section players.
<i>Divisi</i>	When there are no notes in the unison range, the <i>unis.</i> label now always appears at the start of the unison range.
<i>Divisi</i>	Under some circumstances, the endpoints for slurs that cross systems where the system break also represents a change in divisi or unison might not be positioned correctly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Adding an immediate dynamic at a non-grace note position will no longer incorrectly replace a dynamic at a grace note position if there is one.
<i>Dynamics</i>	If the notation option to show a complete systemic barline at the end of the system is active, hairpins that cross the system break now stop short of the systemic barline, instead of abutting it.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	Moving a bar to the next or previous system now works as expected when a beam is selected.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	Clicking away from the staff gap measurement spin box in Engrave mode without changing the gap value no longer incorrectly shows the affected staff handle as having a modified value.
<i>Engrave mode</i>	It is no longer incorrectly possible to select the circular handles for adjusting voice column positions when marquee selecting a range of square handles for adjusting global column positions.

Component	Issue
<i>Engrave mode</i>	Showing the Project Info dialog, then changing settings in the Preferences dialog, then editing a page template, could cause a crash; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Ensembles</i>	When saving a custom ensemble, Dorico now also saves any user-defined instruments to the user library.
<i>Flows</i>	Under some circumstances, using Split Flow with a note with a negative playback start offset could crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Guitar tablature</i>	When deactivating <b>Show rhythms in tablature</b> in Layout Options, rhythm dots and rests are now correctly cleared immediately from the updated tablature.
<i>Harp pedals</i>	When editing an existing harp pedal change via the popover, any properties that were set on the original pedal change are now preserved.
<i>Holds and pauses</i>	If a caesura coincides with a mid-bar system break, it now appears correctly.
<i>Holds and pauses</i>	The <b>Max. fermatas per staff</b> property no longer appears when <b>Attach to barline</b> is activated.
<i>Instrument changes</i>	Moving music from one staff to another between instruments belonging to the player now immediately and correctly produces the expected instrument transition in page view.
<i>Instrument changes</i>	The appearance of transitions between instruments with different numbers of staff lines has been improved, with the stave lines no longer unexpectedly overlapping.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Editing the <b>Variant name</b> field in the instrument editor is no longer particularly slow.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Saving a percussion kit as default in the instrument editor now correctly includes all kit component instruments.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Saving a percussion kit as a default now works correctly, including all of the required data for every component instrument in the kit.
<i>Instrument score orders</i>	Additional instrument score orders are now correctly loaded from library files, if present.
<i>Instrument score orders</i>	The order in which clarinets are listed in the default instrument score orders has been improved.
<i>Instrument types</i>	Duplicate domra instruments no longer appear in the <b>Fretted instruments</b> family in the instrument picker.
<i>Instruments</i>	When changing an instrument held by a player to another instrument with fewer staves, Dorico now correctly resolves clefs on the source staves so that only one clef can be created on the remaining staff.

Component	Issue
<i>Key Editor</i>	Adding or removing tuplets in the score now correctly immediately updates the display of tuplets in the piano roll editor.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Annotations in the tempo editor at the very start of the flow now appear or disappear correctly immediately after the corresponding tempo item is created or deleted.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Clicking the Delete button in the Key Editor toolbar now causes the calculated data in the MIDI CC and other editors to be updated immediately as necessary.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Cutting notes with <b>U</b> , joining them with <b>T</b> , splitting them into multiple notes with <b>Alt+U</b> , or changing the duration of the selected note all now cause the calculated data in the MIDI CC and other editors to be updated immediately as necessary.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Under some circumstances, the ruler and background for the piano roll could appear the wrong length for certain irregular bar lengths; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	When dragging points in the automation editor that cannot be dragged beyond the next or previous point in the editor, Dorico now ensures that the point cannot be dragged to the exact position of the next or previous point, which could otherwise disturb the region at that position.
<i>Key Editor</i>	When the tempo editor takes up the whole of the lower zone, because you have selected a tempo in the music area, the annotations that show which tempo item corresponds to each region now appear correctly.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The value read-out at the left-hand side is now constrained vertically so that it no longer disappears off the top of the editor when the mouse pointer is near the top.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The value readout which appears along with the mouse whilst using the pencil tool in the MIDI CC editor is no longer often out of view when the left-hand side of the view is beyond the start of the flow.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The annotations at the bottom of the dynamics editor now update immediately after editing a dynamic in the score.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The initial tempo value for a gradual tempo following a <i>tempo primo</i> instruction is now shown correctly in the tempo editor.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Percussion instruments that do not define a 'Natural' playing technique would previously not appear correctly in the percussion editor in the Key Editor; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The spin box showing the velocity of the first selected note now always updates when the selected note is repitched or has its duration edited.
<i>Lines</i>	When a vertical line or arpeggio crosses from one staff into another staff of a different size (for example, an ossia), the vertical position of each end of the line is now correct.

Component	Issue
<i>Live editing</i>	Dragging combinations of notes and rests in tuplets now works more reliably.
<i>Live editing</i>	Dragging music in divisi staves now works correctly.
<i>Live editing</i>	The appearance of the live editing overlay when dragging grace notes has been improved.
<i>Lyrics</i>	<b>Select More</b> no longer sometimes incorrectly selects lyrics in multiple lines rather than selecting more lyrics in a single line if the bar starts with a rest.
<i>Lyrics</i>	When the option to show verse numbers only on the first system on which lyrics appear is set, Dorico would sometimes not immediately clear a verse number on a later system when adding a lyric on an earlier one; this is now fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	When the <b>Paragraph style</b> property is set, the vertical position of the extender line now correctly considers the overridden paragraph style.
<i>Lyrics</i>	The verse number for the first lyric on a system could be positioned at the wrong vertical position if a lyric extender line belonging to another line of lyrics crosses the start of the system.
<i>MIDI export</i>	The <b>Transpose</b> value specified in expression map switches is now correctly applied during MIDI export.
<i>MIDI export</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could export the wrong base MIDI pitch for certain microtonal pitches when using pitch bend for microtonal playback; this has now been fixed.
<i>Mixer</i>	Renaming a channel in the Mixer now takes effect immediately.
<i>Music symbols</i>	Scaling the number shown above a bar repeat no longer results in the area for background erasure, if set, being much larger than expected.
<i>MusicXML export</i>	When exporting gradual tempos that span multiple bars, the position of the end of the tempo indication is now more reliably exported.
<i>MusicXML import</i>	If you import a MusicXML file into an existing project, then rename or move the MusicXML file, Dorico no longer incorrectly starts saving to the MusicXML file's new location when you choose <b>File ► Save</b> .
<i>Note input</i>	<b>Edit ► Notations ► Voices ► Swap Voice Contents</b> is now only operable when the selection consists of material in exactly two voices.
<i>Note input</i>	In some situations involving notes spanning tuplets, Dorico would not always correctly extend selected notes when using Extend to Next Note; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	The speed of note editing operations such as pasting and doubling/halving note values has been increased, so that these operations are comparable in speed to previous versions.

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<i>Note input</i>	Under certain circumstances, inputting notes or bars at the end of the flow in galley view would result in it being impossible to scroll to the end of the flow unless you change the zoom level; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	When selecting a passage using the system track, notes in percussion kits now correctly show selected in orange, rather than incorrectly in the dark blue linked selection color.
<i>Note input</i>	When inputting a gradual dynamic during step-time input, <b>Edit ▶ Undo</b> now correctly shortens the gradual dynamic as you undo your input.
<i>Note input</i>	Saving the project no longer results in the instrument being used for MIDI monitoring being reset to the first instrument in the score.
<i>Note input</i>	The commands to double or halve note values now work correctly when explicit bar rests are present.
<i>Note input</i>	When multiple windows are open on the same project, the state of the caret and grid is now updated in all windows reliably.
<i>Note input</i>	Starting note input in one window when another window in the same project is in Engrave mode no longer sometimes causes Dorico to freeze.
<i>Note input</i>	Redoing to the point where all edits have been redone, then subsequently performing further edits, then redoing and undoing them, no longer sometimes causes two of those edits to be redone in a single step.
<i>Note spacing</i>	Grace notes positioned before the final barline on a system that coincide with a caesura before the final note of the system are now always spaced correctly.
<i>Note spacing</i>	Copying and pasting note spacing changes from one flow to another now correctly retains its settings.
<i>Note spacing</i>	Adding a natural harmonic using the <b>Type</b> property in the <b>Harmonics</b> group no longer causes spacing problems with, for example, lyrics at the same rhythmic positions.
<i>Noteheads</i>	Under some circumstances, the precise horizontal position of a parenthesis or bracket on the stem side of a notehead can be slightly wrong until after the music is edited; this has now been fixed.
<i>Notes</i>	When notes are selected in both staff notation and tablature for the same instrument, <b>Reset Forced Stem</b> now correctly resets stem directions in both representations.
<i>Octave lines</i>	It is once again possible to create a voice-specific octave line by holding <b>Alt</b> when confirming the popover or clicking the octave line in the notations panel.

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<i>Ornaments</i>	It is no longer possible to create a guitar bend between two notes of the same pitch.
<i>Ornaments</i>	The <b>Notehead</b> submenu now once again appears in the right-click context menu when a trill is selected, allowing you to override the notehead used for the trill's auxiliary note.
<i>Page layout</i>	<b>Move Bar to Previous System</b> now works correctly when selecting a bar repeat, a notehead in a tie chain, or a dynamic in a dynamic group.
<i>Percussion</i>	Moving a note on a percussion kit to the adjacent instrument using <b>Alt+↑/↓</b> no longer sometimes results in Dorico hanging.
<i>Percussion</i>	The <b>Clear Row</b> button in the action bar in <b>Library ► Percussion Maps</b> now works as expected for percussion maps that feature user-defined instruments.
<i>Percussion</i>	Custom percussion instruments added to the project by importing percussion maps are now added to the appropriate family.
<i>Play mode</i>	When splitting an existing flow in which players use independent voice routing, when switching to Play mode, all independent voices now immediately show the correct tracks.
<i>Play mode</i>	When expanding a percussion kit in Play mode, the component instruments now once again appear directly below the main kit instrument, instead of incorrectly being added at the end of the list.
<i>Play mode</i>	Double-clicking the track overview in new flow with newly created notes now always correctly opens or closes the lower zone.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico now treats the case of the <b>Muted</b> playback technique followed by <b>Open</b> as a special case, such that <b>Open</b> removes <b>Muted</b> but does not add <b>Open</b> .
<i>Playback</i>	If a requested playing technique is not specified in the expression map, Dorico now more reliably chooses the expression map switch that matches the note length condition, if any, before it returns another fallback switch that does not match the note length condition.
<i>Playback</i>	MIDI trigger regions now produce the expected pitch when playing back on individual unpitched percussion instruments.
<i>Playback</i>	The <b>Humanize the start positions of notes by</b> option on the <b>Timing</b> page of Playback Options now works as expected once more.
<i>Playback</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when preparing for playback; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	When adding or removing players from a layout, playback now immediately reflects the new subset of players in the layout.

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<i>Playback</i>	When Dorico loads patches for percussion kits, it now much less often loads an unnecessary General MIDI kit patch and will more often route multiple instruments to the same patch if possible.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico now correctly chooses orchestral percussion instead of the drum set patch in NotePerformer for kits.
<i>Playback</i>	Endpoint configurations with family overrides in the playback template no longer incorrectly get chosen for percussion kits.
<i>Playback</i>	Under some circumstances, successive notes of the same pitch under a slur could result in the second note being cut very short; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico no longer allows the start position of a note that abuts a preceding note of the same pitch to be humanized, as this can result in the note on message for the second note to come before the note off of the first note, resulting in the second note being cut off unexpectedly.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico could crash if you try to start playback by typing <b>**P**</b> when the sounds have not yet loaded; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	When multiple instruments are played by the same endpoint, for example in the case of component instruments in a percussion kit, the playing techniques from the instrument with the largest number of playing technique regions will be played back, rather than the regions from the first instrument processed.
<i>Playback</i>	Deleting or adding bars via the system track now updates playback immediately, so that any change in, for example, repeats playback is reflected right away.
<i>Playback</i>	Appoggiatura chords now play back correctly.
<i>Playback</i>	Grace notes tied to rhythmic notes now play back correctly in more circumstances.
<i>Playing techniques</i>	When editing an existing playing technique via the popover, if the original playing technique was part of a group, the group is now retained.
<i>Playing techniques</i>	Playing techniques with continuation lines now draw at the correct size on grace notes.
<i>Play mode</i>	The <b>Channel</b> section of the Track Inspector panel now updates immediately after changing the output device in the <b>Routing</b> section.
<i>Print mode</i>	If you had Print mode open in one project window and then edited the project in a different window, Dorico could hang; this has now been fixed.

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<i>Print mode</i>	On some Windows computers, switching to Print mode and then closing the project could result in a crash due to problems with certain printer drivers being slow to respond when the printer is disconnected or offline; this has now been fixed. If your printer has an affected driver, you will now experience a delay when switching to Print mode the first time after starting Dorico.
<i>Print mode</i>	The toggle buttons for printing all pages, a page range, or a selection of flows now work correctly when dealing with a selection of layouts with conflicting settings.
<i>Printing</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash if, after having visited Print mode, you close the project or quit the application before Dorico has been able to initialize your printer driver; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Under very rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when inputting notes; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when opening projects with multiple flows; this has now been fixed.
<i>Properties</i>	Where properties are shown in pairs, e.g. <b>X</b> and <b>Y</b> , Dorico will now only show the labels in bold (meaning that the value applies globally) if <i>both</i> properties are set globally.
<i>Properties</i>	The speed of unsetting properties on many selected dynamics, lyrics, or slurs has been significantly improved.
<i>Read mode</i>	Annotations with the Apple Pencil now work correctly if the layout is shown in galley view in Write mode (Dorico for iPad only).
<i>Setup mode</i>	Under rare circumstances, players could end up missing from the Players panel in Setup mode if they are not present in any player group; Dorico now automatically returns any such players to the default player group when loading projects.
<i>Setup mode</i>	After deleting a player, hitting <b>Delete</b> again will no longer incorrectly prompt you about the deletion of the selected player.
<i>Staff labels</i>	The layout option <b>Minimum indent for systems with staff labels</b> is no longer incorrectly applied on systems with no staff labels.
<i>Tablature</i>	When calculating the string for each note in a chord for tablature, Dorico now allows a partial barre on the lowest two strings of the instrument if required.
<i>Tempo</i>	Some subtle problems involving relative, gradual and reset tempo items in repeat structures have been fixed.



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<i>Text</i>	In the unlikely event that text items in the project refer to a paragraph style that has been deleted, Dorico will now repair these text items when the project is next loaded, resetting them to use the default paragraph style.
<i>Text</i>	It was not previously possible to edit an existing text item on a percussion instrument in a kit using the single-line presentation type; this has now been fixed.
<i>Text</i>	When editing text near to the edge of the viewport, the text editing controls no longer unexpectedly move left or right after typing the first character.
<i>Text</i>	Dorico's handling for font families with no "Regular" style is improved.
<i>Text</i>	If a paragraph style specifies a border width of 0, Dorico no longer draws a cosmetic single pixel border around the text.
<i>Text</i>	The <b>Default Music Text Font</b> font style no longer incorrectly specifies the <b>Default Text Font</b> font style as its parent.
<i>Text</i>	Changing the line spacing (leading) value in a paragraph style now correctly automatically updates existing text items.
<i>Ties</i>	The option <b>Gap between ends of ties that start and end on the same note</b> now applies to the first tie in a tie chain as well as every subsequent one.
<i>Time signatures</i>	Dorico no longer crashes if you accidentally enter a decimal point with no numeric value as a pick-up duration in the <b>Shift+M</b> popover.
<i>Time signatures</i>	When copying and pasting a single time signature, Dorico will now ensure the destination bar contains the expected number of beats if Insert mode is active.
<i>Tuplets</i>	Under some circumstances, nudging a triplet vertically could cause the vertical position of an adjacent triplet to move vertically unexpectedly; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico could sometimes crash when quitting the application if the Preferences dialog was left open; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	If you switch away from Play mode having opened the VST instrument menu in the <b>Routing</b> section of the Track Inspector panel, the menu is now correctly closed.
<i>User interface</i>	Tool tips have now been added to the buttons in the notes toolbox that pop out when long-pressed or right-clicked.
<i>User interface</i>	Trying to add a pitch to be filtered to the <b>Filter Notes by Pitch</b> dialog in a project using a custom tonality system could crash; this has now been fixed.

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<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when clicking buttons in the Notations panel after having changed some aspect of the visual theme; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	When multiple tabs on the same layout are open, some in galley view and others in page view, Dorico will now attempt to keep the same tab active when switching to and from Engrave mode.
<i>User interface</i>	Choosing <b>Play ▶ Fixed Tempo Mode</b> now correctly updates the tempo display in the toolbar.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico no longer crashes on start-up if the <b>recentFiles.xml</b> data file has been unwisely tampered with outside of the program.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Explode</b> and <b>Reduce</b> menu items now appear correctly in Dorico Elements once more.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico no longer crashes if you quit the application while the <b>Edit Percussion Kit</b> dialog is open.
<i>User interface</i>	Key commands you assign in Preferences now work correctly in an existing project window as soon as they have been added.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico no longer crashes after closing the last open project when it is set in Preferences to open a new empty project window rather than return to the Hub.
<i>User interface</i>	The appearance of checkboxes in an indeterminate state in the light theme has been improved.
<i>User interface</i>	The correct level of opacity has been applied to the Chords track in Play mode once more.
<i>User interface</i>	When <b>Use custom player order</b> is first activated on the <b>Players</b> page of Layout Options, the initial order of players now matches the current score order.
<i>User interface</i>	The appearance of long project names in the <b>Open Recent</b> page of the Hub has been improved.
<i>User interface</i>	Hiding or showing the tab bar while the text editor is open no longer results in some commands and menu items being incorrectly disabled.
<i>Video</i>	On some Mac systems, Dorico could crash on exit due to a problem in the shared video engine; this has now been fixed.
<i>Video</i>	Dorico no longer crashes if it is unable to extract the soundtrack from an attached video.
<i>Views</i>	Dorico no longer prevents you from scrolling all the way to the end of the layout in page view at zoom levels between 113% and 118%.
<i>Views</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when closing a project; this has now been fixed.

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## Improvements

### Groove Agent SE

*Jazz Essentials.* The Groove Agent Jazz Essentials content set, which includes 10 styles performed by professional jazz drummers, is now included with Dorico 5. You can download this new content set via Steinberg Download Assistant: choose **Dorico Pro 5** or **Dorico Elements 5** on the left-hand side and install the **Jazz Essentials** download choice.

To ensure you can use the content correctly in Dorico 5, please also run Steinberg Activation Manager and click the **Refresh** button in the top right corner. This will update your Dorico 5 license.

### Instrument editor

*Chord symbols.* A new **Rhythm section instrument** checkbox has been added to the instrument editor. This allows you to specify whether the instrument should be considered a rhythm section instrument for the purposes of displaying chord symbols.

*Percussion kits.* It is now possible to change via the instrument editor the number of staff lines displayed when the 5-line staff presentation type is used. This allows the creation of percussion kits containing two instruments that are shown respectively on the space above and below a single staff line.

### Key Editor

*Note editing in the piano roll.* The editing of notes in the piano roll has been greatly improved. In previous versions, when dragging a note whose position or duration was not aligned to the Key Editor rhythmic grid, its position or duration would be incremented by the current grid value, rather than first snapping to the nearest grid position, as you might expect. This has now been changed such that moving or changing the duration of a note will snap it to the grid, and then increment it by the grid resolution.

Mouse tracking is now improved as well. For example, when dragging the right-hand end of a short note to make it longer, its duration no longer changes as soon as you start to drag to the right: instead, the note's duration is only changed once the mouse pointer passes the right-hand end of the note.

Dorico also constrains notes to the start of the flow when moving them rhythmically in the piano roll, rather than making it appear that you can drag notes

beyond the start of the flow. Similarly, when dragging notes vertically to change their pitch, they are now constrained to the lowest and highest pitches of the piano roll.

When editing played durations, Dorico now allows notes to have a much shorter minimum duration (64th note, or hemidemisemiquaver).

## MIDI import

*Importing into an existing project.* The performance of importing a MIDI file into an existing project has been greatly improved.

## Mixer

*Lower zone Mixer.* When the lower zone is increased in height sufficiently, the upper section of the Mixer containing inserts and sends now appears in the lower zone.

## Note input

*Flip.* Using **Edit ► Flip** for a tied note or chord in Write mode now flips the stem direction of all noteheads in the tie chain, rather than only the first.

## Playback

*Microtonal playback.* When **Microtonality playback** is set to **Auto** in the expression map, Dorico will now automatically use VST3 note expression for all of Steinberg's VST3 instrument plug-ins, so in addition to HALion family products, it will now also play back microtonal pitches correctly in instruments like Retrologue and Padshop.

In addition, Dorico will now use VST2 detune messages to play microtonal pitches in Modartt Pianoteq 8 if the **Microtonality playback** option is set to **Auto**. You need to manually activate the **MIDI Tuning** option in Pianoteq 8 itself to hear microtonal pitches.

## Properties

*Properties for tied notes in Write mode.* Many properties can have different values for different noteheads within a single tied note or chord in Engrave mode; for example, the **Accidental** property can be set on any notehead in a tie-chain to show or hide the accidental at that point in the note; similarly, the **Direction** property can be set on any tie to override its direction. However, in Write mode, setting these properties would only set the chosen value for the first notehead in a tie-chain, which is rarely the desired result.

Now in Write mode Dorico will set properties like **Direction** or **Design** for ties for all notes in a tie-chain. **Accidental** is still treated specially, since you typically only want to show, hide or bracket the accidental at the start of the note, rather than on every notehead in the tie-chain; similarly, the properties in the **Beaming** group apply only to the first notehead in the tie-chain.

## Space and stage templates

*Overwrite warnings.* When clicking **Save as Space Template** from the Live Stage or **Save as Space Template** from the Live Space, Dorico now warns you if you are going to overwrite an existing stage or space template, rather than silently overwriting the existing one.

## Tempo

*Popover input.* If you specify a metronome mark in the **Shift+T** popover, Dorico will now always create an immediate tempo, even if the text specified would otherwise create a relative tempo change. This allows you to type, for example, **meno mosso q=96** and create an immediate tempo, rather than a relative one.

Furthermore, Dorico no longer shows the percentage change for relative tempos as if they were metronome marks in the popover. Instead, relative tempos now have **(relative)** appended, so you can easily tell the difference between creating, for example, **Lento** as an immediate tempo or a relative tempo.

*Approximate tempos.* It is now possible to specify whether the abbreviation for *circa* should be **ca.** with a terminating period (full stop) or **ca** without.

## Text

*Border color.* If a paragraph style defines an overridden **Foreground color**, if you activate the **Border** property, the border will now be drawn in the chosen foreground color, rather than in black.

## User interface

*Playback techniques dialog.* The **Playback Technique Combinations** dialog that is used when specifying playing techniques in expression and percussion maps now contains an auto-complete search field at the top of the dialog: this allows you to type part of the name of the desired playback technique. Confirming the auto-completion by hitting **Return** adds the selected playback technique to the current combination.

*Project Info dialog.* Invoking the **Project Info** dialog via the context menu for a specific flow in the Flows panel now always selects the chosen flow in the dialog when it opens.

## Platform support

On macOS, Dorico 5 now requires Metal for parts of its user interface by default. Certain MacBook Air and Mac mini computers from 2014 and 2015 use Intel Iris Pro and Intel Graphics 5000 adaptors that have a bug in their Metal graphics drivers for hardware-accelerated graphics that cause them to crash when Dorico 5 starts. To work around this problem, Dorico now detects the problematic graphics adaptors

and, if found, automatically applies a workaround for the problem on those computers.

Since these computers are now quite old and cannot run later operating systems than macOS 11 Big Sur, we recommend considering upgrading to a more recent model of Mac if possible.

### **Dorico for iPad**

- It is once again possible to double-tap the score to start note input or edit an existing item.
- Dorico for iPad no longer crashes when you hit **Esc** on the hardware keyboard to cancel certain dialogs.
- Under some circumstances, closing a read-only project with more than eight (or 12) players could cause players beyond the player limit to be removed from the project; this has now been fixed.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Audio engine</i>	Playback to external MIDI devices now works correctly once more.
<i>Audio engine</i>	On some systems, the audio engine would often crash unexpectedly; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Audio engine</i>	Device names with multi-byte or special characters are now handled correctly; this resolves issues with device names including “smart” apostrophes, e.g. <b>Valerio's AirPods</b> .
<i>Comments</i>	Shortening a note in Insert mode no longer unexpectedly deletes comments at the same position as the note.
<i>Condensing</i>	Under some circumstances, when instrument changes are disabled, some condensed music belonging to players holding multiple instruments could fail to appear in some systems; this has now been fixed.
<i>Condensing</i>	When you create a condensing change, Dorico no longer incorrectly shows the settings for a condensing change in another layout at the same rhythmic position.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Text-based gradual dynamics with dotted or dashed lines terminated with an immediate dynamic could start too far to the right; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The <b>Make Constant/Linear</b> buttons in the dynamics editor now work as expected, and only convert the final point in a region if that region is being merged with an adjacent one.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances, editing a percussion kit in the instrument editor could result in the kit instruments being unexpectedly removed from the kit; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under rare circumstances, editing an instrument or using <b>Change Instrument</b> could cause Dorico to crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	The <b>Instrument picker name</b> shown in the instrument editor now uses the language of Dorico's user interface, rather than the current project language.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances, the instrument editor did not allow a custom instrument to be deleted when it should; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Editing the clefs used for an existing instrument in the project now always works correctly; previously it was possible for some chosen clefs not to appear in the score immediately.
<i>Instrument filters</i>	When editing an instrument with the instrument editor, or using <b>Change Instrument</b> in Setup mode, any instrument filters that reference that instrument are now correctly updated.
<i>Jazz articulations</i>	The <b>Jazz Articulations</b> section of the <b>Ornaments</b> panel now works as expected with grace notes.

Component	Issue
<i>Key Editor</i>	The piano roll and editors in the Key Editor now update correctly after notes have been created by holding <b>Alt</b> while using live note editing, when cutting material to the clipboard, and when deleting in the MIDI CC editor.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Playing techniques for percussion instruments in the percussion editor are always now correctly listed under the appropriate instrument rather than in a single, mingled list.
<i>Key Editor</i>	When using per-switch delays in expression maps, it was possible for the tool tip giving detailed information about the playing technique region in the Key Editor to refer to the wrong region; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Copying and pasting material from multiple staves in the same instrument now correctly handles accompanying MIDI CC data, so that the MIDI data is pasted to the right staff.
<i>Key Editor</i>	It is no longer incorrectly possible to change the linear/constant type of the final data points in a user-created region in the dynamics and MIDI CC editors.
<i>Lines</i>	Dorico no longer incorrectly creates two identical note-attached lines between two selected notes.
<i>Live note editing</i>	The position of the live note editing overlay when the selected notes span multiple systems has been improved.
<i>Live note editing</i>	It is no longer possible to attempt to drag material off the start of the flow.
<i>Live Stage</i>	The performance of using the expand/contract buttons in the Live Stage in large ensembles has been significantly improved.
<i>MIDI export</i>	When exporting MIDI files using MIDI pitch bend for microtonal pitches, the underlying pitch of the note could be exported incorrectly, resulting in the wrong played pitch in the exported MIDI file; this has now been fixed.
<i>MIDI import</i>	Dorico no longer attempts to detect slurs for unpitched percussion material when importing MIDI data.
<i>MIDI import</i>	When dragging and dropping MIDI data into the percussion editor in the Key Editor, Dorico now uses the percussion map assigned to the appropriate endpoint, resulting in the same mapping onto instruments and playing techniques that are produced when importing the data via <b>File ► Import ► MIDI</b> .
<i>Navigation</i>	Under some circumstances, navigating to the staff above or below from a bar rest after the last note in a staff could fail; this has been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	MIDI CC data is now always excluded when using <b>Edit ► Paste Special ► Reduce</b> .



Component	Issue
<i>Note input</i>	If MIDI CC data is included when copying and pasting music, it is now correctly copied or moved to the adjacent staff when using <b>Move/Duplicate to Staff Above/Below</b> .
<i>Note input</i>	When creating an item with duration, such as a slur, with the mouse, it is now once again possible to create and extend the duration of the item in a single motion.
<i>Note input</i>	When recording into the first bar of a flow other than the first in the project, Dorico no longer incorrectly resets the sound used for auditioning to the first instrument in the ensemble.
<i>Ornaments</i>	Trills can once again be created using the mouse when there is no selection in the score.
<i>Page layout</i>	Selecting a barline and clicking <b>Move to Previous System</b> no longer incorrectly moves the bar following the barline to the previous system.
<i>Page layout</i>	<b>Move Bar to Previous System</b> no longer sometimes causes an extra bar to be moved back to the previous system.
<i>Playback</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when preparing for playback in some projects, which would manifest as apparently random crashes after making an edit; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Dorico now correctly takes repeat structures into account when evaluating the note length conditions to determine the correct expression map switch.
<i>Playback</i>	When using per-switch delay values for different switches in an expression map, notes at the end of a slur could be incorrectly truncated to a very short duration; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	Suppressing the playback of a tempo item could incorrectly cause some bars to be skipped in playback; this has now been fixed.
<i>Playback</i>	A gradual tempo in a second ending now correctly takes its starting tempo from the last tempo before the first ending, rather than a tempo found in the first ending, if present.
<i>Play mode</i>	Some editing operations that involve the creation of a new voice could cause the per-voice tracks for instruments using independent voice playback to appear in the wrong vertical position in the track overview; this has now been fixed.
<i>Play mode</i>	Changing the port and channel for the current endpoint in the <b>Routing</b> section of the track inspector now works more reliably.
<i>Play mode</i>	Selecting a track corresponding to an independent voice now correctly updates the sound used for MIDI monitoring to the appropriate voice.
<i>Print mode</i>	When selecting multiple layouts and clicking <b>Flows</b> in the right-hand panel to specify a selection of flows to be printed, this choice is now correctly applied to all selected layouts.

Component	Issue
<i>Project files</i>	In rare circumstances, a project created in an earlier version could cause Dorico 5 to crash when opening it; this has now been fixed.
<i>Scrub playback</i>	The ←/→ shortcuts for advancing scrub playback now work correctly on both macOS and Windows with English and German keyboard layouts.
<i>Setup mode</i>	Some instruments were missing from the instrument picker; this has now been fixed.
<i>Setup mode</i>	When running Dorico in languages other than English, it was possible for the display of transpositions in the third column of the instrument picker to change unexpectedly when invoking the picker repeatedly; this has now been fixed.
<i>Setup mode</i>	Using <b>Change Instrument</b> no longer causes ties from grace notes to rhythmic notes to be lost.
<i>Stage templates</i>	If the <b>Near send</b> and <b>Far send</b> channels have gain set to -infinity or describe a range of zero, the behavior of instruments in the Live Stage has been improved.
<i>Tempo</i>	Under some circumstances, the vertical position of a tempo mark overlapping a multi-bar rest might not be stable as edits are made in the bars following the multi-bar rest; this has now been fixed.
<i>Tempo</i>	Relative tempo markings no longer show a numeric value in the auto-complete suggestions in the popover.
<i>Text</i>	Under some circumstances, the wrong style name could be chosen in the text editor popover when editing text; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Text</i>	When running Dorico in languages other than English, re-selecting a paragraph style in the <b>Library ► Paragraph Styles</b> dialog could cause the wrong style name to be shown in the <b>Style name</b> menu; this has now been fixed (Windows only).
<i>Text</i>	Under some circumstances, non-transposing instruments could incorrectly be appended with the word “in” when displayed via the {@staffLabelsFull@} token; this has now been fixed.
<i>Timecode</i>	Some projects created in earlier versions of Dorico that show a timecode staff could cause Dorico 5 to crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Timecode</i>	Layouts with multiple instruments that show timecode and multi-bar rests now correctly only show timecode at the start of each multi-bar rest.
<i>User interface</i>	Clicking in any of the panels in Setup mode now closes the instrument picker, if it is open.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Scrub Playback</b> button in the mini transport on the toolbar and in the Transport window is no longer incorrectly enabled when the project is not activated for playback.

Component	Issue
<i>User interface</i>	Tokens for accidentals are now correctly substituted with the appropriate plain text representation in the list of layouts shown in the Layout Options dialog.
<i>User interface</i>	Under some circumstances it was possible to get the gradient display in the <b>Colors</b> page of Preferences into a muddle; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	On some computers, the release of the mouse button when clicking on buttons or using the pencil tool in the Key Editor would be lost; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>User interface</i>	Groups of buttons that are supposed to allow only one choice to be selected now work correctly once more.
<i>User interface</i>	It is once again possible to drag drum pads in the lower zone to change their displayed order.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Show system track in new projects</b> option in Preferences now once again works more reliably.
<i>User interface</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could crash when attempting to add a player after having changed the application language during that session; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	The button to hide and show the Video window on the toolbar now works as expected.

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## Improvements

### Live note editing

*Dragging by octaves.* You can now hold down **Ctrl** (Windows) or **Command** (macOS) after beginning to drag notes to edit their pitch to snap to octaves.

### MIDI trigger regions

*Suppress playback.* It is now possible to use the **Suppress playback** property with MIDI trigger regions.

*Default key command.* The default key command **Shift+0** (zero) has now been added to the default shortcuts sets for languages other than English.

### Scrub playback

*Instrument filters.* In galley view, scrub playback now respects the active instrument filter, if any. Only instruments included in the instrument filter will be played back.

*Scrub only selected staves.* Dorico now considers the selection when you activate scrub playback: if you have selected items from more than one staff, Dorico will include only those instruments when scrubbing; you can still hold **Shift** to solo the instrument under the mouse pointer.

*Toggle Scrub Playback command.* It is now possible to use the **Toggle Scrub Playback** command from Write mode, so it is practical to define a custom shortcut to this command if desired.

*Key commands.* It is now possible to step forwards and backwards through the score when scrub playback is active using the left and right arrow keys. The playhead now appears while scrub playback is active, helping you to orientate yourself in the music when scrubbing with the arrow keys.

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Audio engine</i>	On some Windows computers, the VST audio engine was slow to start up; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Setting an octave transposition in the instrument editor no longer sometimes triggers a crash.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	User-defined instruments and variants are now always correctly bracketed with other instruments in the same family.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances, the star icon in the instrument editor would not be lit up for an instrument saved in the user library; this is now fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Toggling the filter to show only instruments in the project no longer incorrectly causes copies or variants of instruments you have created during that dialog session to disappear from the list of instruments.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Adding both a copy and a variant of an instrument to the project library no longer incorrectly causes the first of those added instruments to lose its family associations.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Creating a new variant of a factory instrument no longer prevents the creation of the original instrument in the project.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances it was impossible to delete the copy of a factory instrument in the instrument editor; this has now been fixed.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	It is now possible to reset user-defined instruments back to their saved state in the user library.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Controls related to pitched instruments are now correctly disabled for unpitched percussion instruments.
<i>Instrument editor</i>	Under some circumstances, selecting an instrument in the instrument editor that is one of several held by the same player could cause a crash; this is now fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The piano roll and other editors in the Key Editor now correctly update immediately after editing grace notes in played durations mode.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The piano roll and other editors in the Key Editor now correctly update immediately after editing articulations, slurs, glissando lines and octave lines in the music area.
<i>Key Editor</i>	The piano roll and other editors in the Key Editor now correctly update immediately after notes are input via MIDI keyboard.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Further improvements to the reliability of the vertical crosshair in the Key Editor, including ensuring that it immediately follows the mouse pointer when the zoom level changes.

Component	Issue
<i>Live note editing</i>	When dragging notes rhythmically in galley view, notes no longer sometimes seem to bunch up at barlines.
<i>Live note editing</i>	Pitches in arbitrary EDO tonality systems are now correctly transposed when dragged with the mouse.
<i>Live note editing</i>	The durations of tied notes are now considered in the width of the overlay that shows the duration of the selection being dragged rhythmically.
<i>Live note editing</i>	Dragging cross-staff notes now works as expected.
<i>Note input</i>	In certain circumstances, Dorico could crash when using Insert mode to extend the duration of the current bar; this has now been fixed.
<i>Project files</i>	Dorico no longer crashes when opening some projects created in earlier versions.
<i>Text</i>	Italic, bold, and bold italic font styles now preview correctly in the <b>Paragraph Styles</b> dialog when running Dorico in languages other than English (Windows only).
<i>Time signatures</i>	Interchangeable time signatures are now correctly preserved when opening a saved project.
<i>User interface</i>	In some windows and dialogs, spin boxes would require you to move focus from them before they would register the change in value; now, the value is updated as soon as the contents of the input field changes.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>MIDI Import Options</b> dialog now shows resize arrows at its edges when opened from the Hub window.
<i>User interface</i>	Under rare circumstances, changing one of the values for the <b>Single Color</b> and <b>Gradient</b> buttons in the <b>Background Colors</b> section of the <b>Colors</b> page of Preferences could cause the corresponding buttons for the other window mode to change unexpectedly; this has been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	Dorico no longer crashes when you attempt to reset background colors when set to use a <b>Single Color</b> .
<i>User interface</i>	The instrument picker no longer lists duplicate instruments when running Dorico in a language other than English.
<i>User interface</i>	The initial state of the <b>Follow playhead</b> switch in the status bar for a newly-created project now correctly reflects the corresponding preference value.
<i>User interface</i>	It is now possible to close the toolbar layout selector by clicking outside its area.
<i>User interface</i>	Certain drop-down menus would open in full screen mode if the project window was already in full screen mode; this has now been fixed (macOS only).

Component	Issue
<i>Video</i>	Attached videos are once again synced correctly during playback; they are not currently synced correctly during real-time recording, which will be addressed in future.



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## New features

### Space and Stage templates

Dorico 5 helps you sculpt the sound of your playback with new tools to help you create a convincing performance: the players can be positioned on a stage, and that stage placed in a space with natural reverberation.

Increasingly, orchestral sound libraries are recorded with a variety of microphone positions and with the musicians seated in the studio or hall in their usual performance configuration, so that the ensemble has a natural stereo field and a balanced sound. If you use the tree or hall mics rather than the close mics, you also get a strong sense of the space in which the library was recorded.

This approach means that it's easy to get a convincing sound for the ensemble, because the recording engineers have done all the hard work for you. The downside of this approach is that if you want something different, it can be harder work to achieve it.

Some orchestral sound libraries – including HALion Symphonic Orchestra, the orchestra that ships with Dorico Pro – are recorded in a much more neutral way with close microphones, and with all the instruments positioned close to the center of the stereo field.

This approach provides greater flexibility, as it means the sounds can be easily used at any stereo position, and it's easy to try different levels of reverberation. But it also means that some work is required to separate the instruments on the virtual stage, and to provide appropriate effects to give the sound a particular character.

Things get more complicated still when mixing patches from different libraries, recorded in different halls or studios and with different mic configurations.

Experienced sound engineers have the skills to meet these challenges – and some improvements to the flexibility of Dorico's mixer, including the ability to create up to eight send channels, are designed to help experienced users achieve their desired results more efficiently.

But many composers and arrangers have little experience with mixing and shaping sound in this way. For these users, Dorico's new space and stage templates will help them to produce convincing sounding ensembles more quickly and easily.

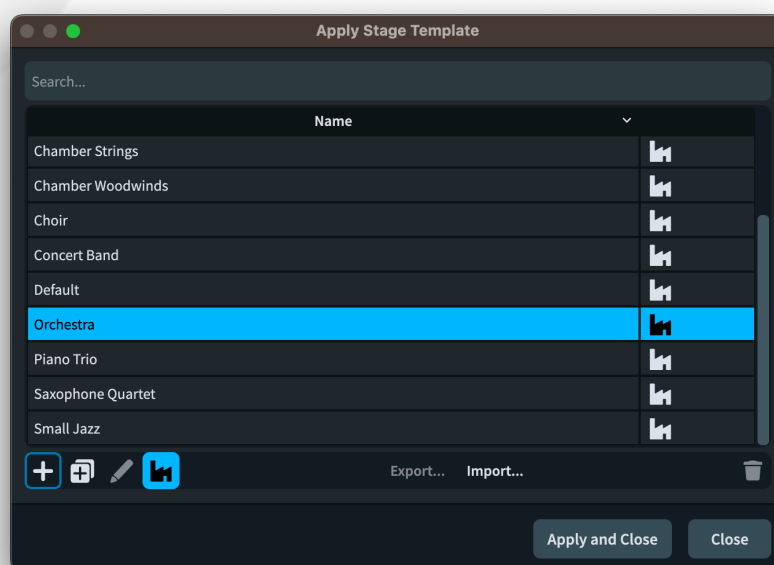


While these new features are no substitute for dedicated software solutions designed to emulate in precise detail the placement of instruments in a specific hall, such as Vienna Symphonic Library's MIR, they provide convenient ways to make greater use of the high-quality effects plug-ins supplied with Dorico, and the automatic application of appropriate settings for each type of ensemble make an immediate and positive impact on the depth of the sound of Dorico's playback, even if you are using only the factory-supplied sounds.

*Stage templates.* Stage templates describe the position of players on a nominal stage. Imagining that you are looking down on the stage from directly above, the front of the stage is at the bottom, and the rear of the stage is at the top. Players can be positioned anywhere within this space. Changes in horizontal position from left to right are translated into stereo pan values, while changes in vertical position from near to far are translated into values for send channels: typically, the counterpart space template will define two send channels, one for near instruments with less reverb, and one for far instruments with more reverb.


Stage templates can be defined very coarsely, with simple placement of entire instrument families on the stage, or very finely, with placement not only of individual instruments, but even multiple players of the same instrument, so that two violin sections can be differently placed, or four horn players, and so on.

*Applying a stage template.* When you start a new project from one of the factory templates, one of the default stage templates is automatically applied. To reapply the current stage template, which resets any adjustments you have made to the positions of players in the Live Stage, or to apply a different stage template, choose **Play ► Stage Template**.



Choose the template you want to apply to the project and click **Apply and Close**.

Factory templates are indicated in the dialog with a factory icon, and factory templates cannot be edited. However, you can create a new stage template based on a factory template by clicking **Duplicate Stage Template**.



*Live Stage.* To see the effect of the current stage template, open the Live Stage window by clicking  in the Mixer toolbar, either in the lower zone or the separate Mixer window.



Typically, every instrument in the project will appear on the Live Stage. However, an instrument will not appear if:

- the expression map or percussion map used for this instrument specifies that space templates should not be used, because the sound source is pre-positioned; or
- the instrument is played by a MIDI device rather than a virtual instrument.

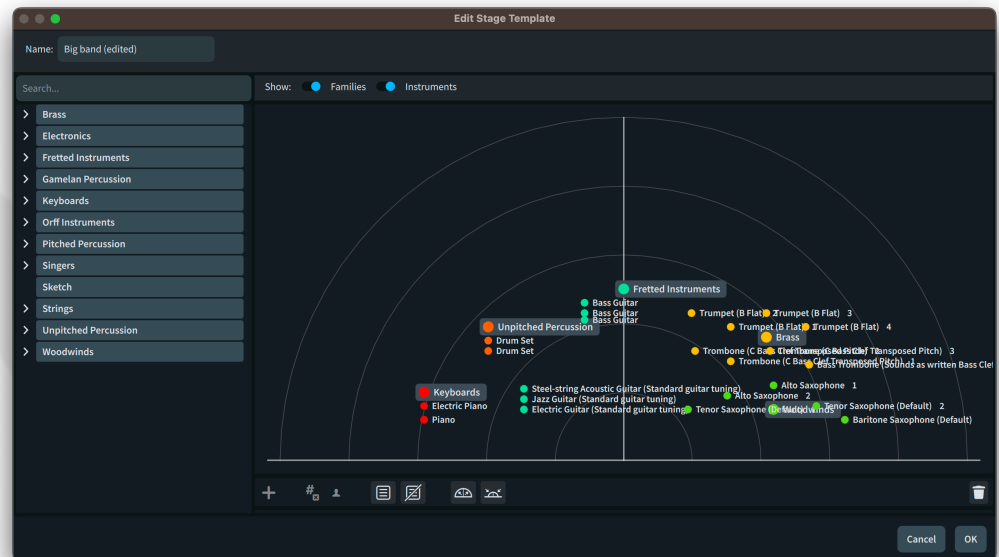
To move an instrument in the stereo field, click and drag it to the desired position. When you release the mouse button, the new position will be applied to the pan and send amounts for that instrument's output or outputs in the Mixer.

You can expand or contract the overall stereo field for all instruments at once by clicking the **Expand** () or **Contract** () buttons.

*Creating a stage template from the Live Stage.* A natural way to build your own stage template is to start from an existing project, where you can hear for yourself the effect of positioning each instrument on the stage. If you want to save the current

Live Stage setup as a stage template for future use, click **Save as new Stage Template**, which opens the **Edit Stage Template** dialog – see below.

*Editing a stage template.* To edit a stage template, choose **Play ► Stage Template**, choose the stage template you want to edit, and click **Edit**. If the stage template you want to edit is a factory default, click **Duplicate Stage Template** first.



**Edit Stage Template** is like the Live Stage, except that it allows you to define the positions for instruments, and entire instrument families, regardless of whether they are present in the current project.

Instrument families are shown on the stage in a larger size than specific instruments. Each family is color-coded, so both the family itself and the instruments in the family are shown in the same color.

To add an instrument family to the stage template, simply click and drag the top-level item from the tree view on the left of the dialog onto the stage. To add an individual instrument, expand the tree view to find the specific instrument you're looking for (or type its name in the search box to filter the list), then drag it onto the stage. Alternatively, simply select the family or instrument in the tree view and click the **Add** button in the action bar, which will place the instrument in the center of the stage.

Reposition any family or instrument simply by dragging it on the stage, or remove it from the stage by clicking the **Delete** button in the action bar.

As the stage becomes fuller, you might find it helpful to toggle whether the names for instruments and families appear; the switches above the stage make this

possible. You cannot select or drag items on the stage to reposition them if their names are not shown.

As you add more instruments of the same kind to the stage, they will each be numbered. You can also click the **Soloist** button in the action bar to specify where an instrument of that kind that is set to be a soloist should be placed on the stage.

You can also create groups of instruments, so that you can position those groups independently. For example, in a piece for double choir, you may want to position one choir on the left of the stage and the other on the right. The groups you define in the stage template will be used when you group players in Setup mode, as appropriate.

When Dorico is positioning an instrument added to your project according to the current stage template, it uses the following order of precedence:

- First, it will use the corresponding numbered instrument, if any;
- Second, it will use the unnumbered instrument in the group, if any;
- Third, it will use the appropriate instrument family in the group, if any.

Each of these rules is applied first to groups of instruments, if defined, and then to ungrouped instruments. If an instrument is designated as a soloist in Setup mode, then it will first prefer the corresponding soloist instrument on the stage, if any, before falling back using the order of precedence described above.

*Space templates.* Space templates describe a nominal room into which any stage can be placed. In simple terms, a space template defines one or more preset send channels in the Mixer, and a set of minimum and maximum values for pan and for the send amounts to be used for each instrument on the stage. You can define different send channels for instruments towards the front of the stage (**Near Send**) and towards the rear (**Far Send**), or use the same channel for both. (Dorico's default space templates use a single send channel with a single reverb plug-in to conserve system resources.)

As you move instruments around the Live Stage, Dorico uses the values defined in the space template to adjust the Mixer settings for that instrument's output or outputs. Lateral movement left or right adjusts the pan for that output, and the space template specifies the maximum left and right pan values that Dorico is permitted to use.

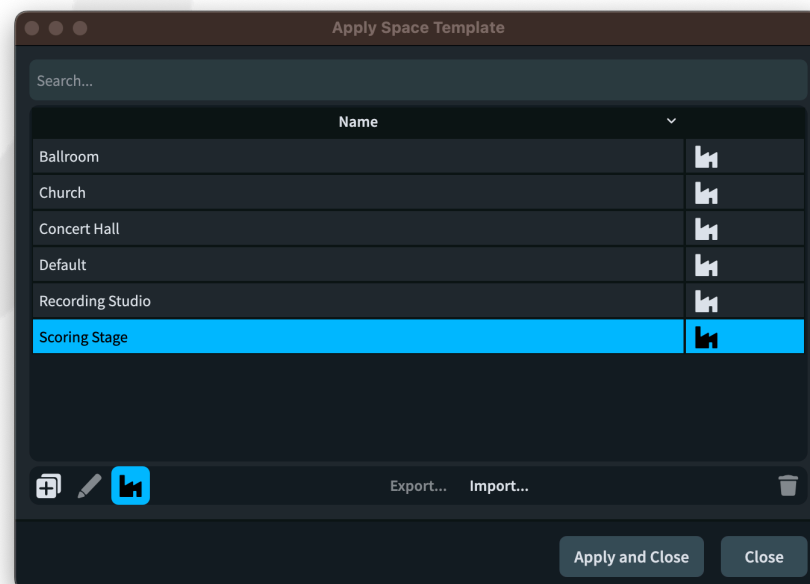
Vertical movement from near to far adjusts the send values for that output: if you have the same send channel configured for both **Near Send** and **Far Send**, Dorico simply scales the send amount between the **Near Send** and **Far Send** values as you move the instrument between the front and rear of the stage. If you have different

send channels configured for **Near Send** and **Far Send**, Dorico scales between the specified value and zero, effectively cross fading the send amount between the two sends.

*Factory stage templates.* A set of factory stage templates (**Barbershop Quartet, Big Band, Brass Band, Chamber Brass, Chamber Strings, Chamber Woodwinds, Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra, Piano Trio, Saxophone Quartet, Small Jazz**) is now included with Dorico 5. Projects created via the **Create New** page of the Hub now choose an appropriate stage template by default. Any of these stage templates can be applied to your own project via **Play ► Stage Template**.


Dorico includes the REVerence convolution reverb plug-in, which includes more than 90 impulse responses, providing realistic representations of concert halls, churches, cathedrals, ballrooms, and recording studios. Using REVerence, or your own preferred reverb, you can create a space with exactly the kind of sound you want to hear.

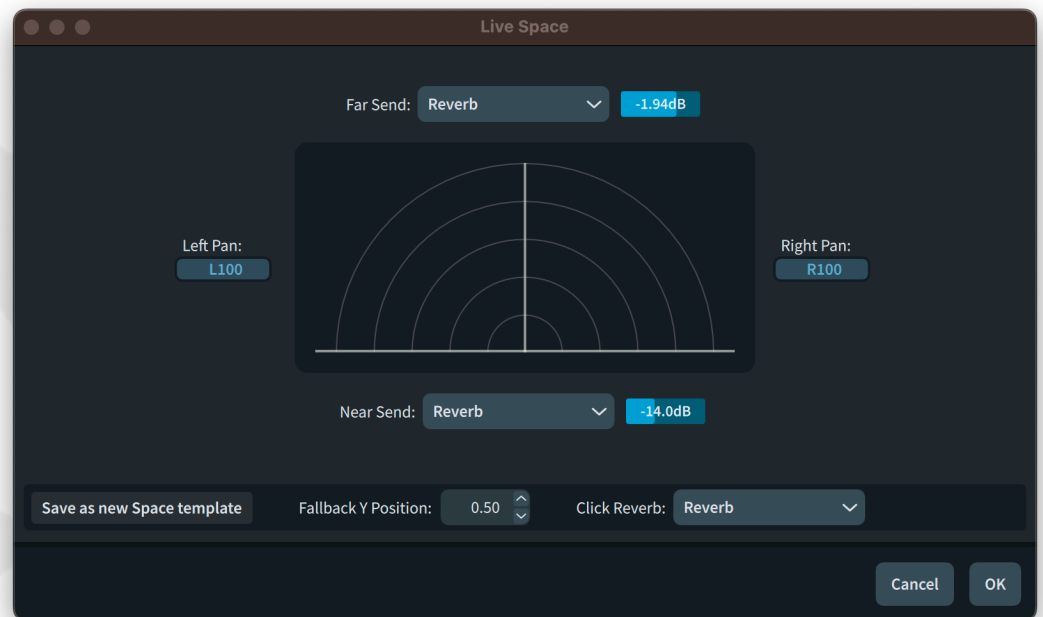
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Choose the template you want to apply to the project and click **Apply and Close**.

Factory templates are indicated in the dialog with a factory icon, and factory templates cannot be edited. However, you can create a new space template based on a factory template by clicking **Duplicate Space Template**.

*Live Space.* The Live Space window allows you to adjust the maximum pan and send values for the current project. open the Live Stage window by clicking  in the Mixer toolbar, either in the lower zone or the separate Mixer window.



Configuring the Live Space is simple: the **Left Pan** and **Right Pan** values define the maximum pan value for instruments positioned at the extreme left and right of the Live Stage, and the **Near Send** and **Far Send** values define the named send channel and the amount of signal to be routed to that channel for instruments positioned at the extreme front or rear of the Live Stage. The pan and send values for instruments positioned anywhere in the two-dimensional space of the stage are determined by interpolating between these values.

**Fallback Y Position** specifies the default near-far position for an instrument that is not defined in the stage template, expressed as a value between zero (meaning the front of the stage) and one (meaning the rear).

**Click Reverb** specifies which send channel should be used for the metronome click output in the Mixer: you may want to use the same reverb you use for other instruments, a different send channel, or none.

Although you can choose which send channel in the Mixer is used for **Near Send** and **Far Send**, you cannot directly configure these channels via the Live Space window: instead, you do so in the Mixer window.

When you want to create your own space template, this is how you begin: set up the send channels in the Mixer with the plug-ins you want to use, configure the settings in the Live Space window, then click **Save as Space Template** to open the **Edit Space Template** dialog.

*Editing a space template.* Whether you choose to save a space template from the Live Space window, or you duplicate a factory space template via the **Play ► Space Template** dialog, you will see the **Edit Space Template** dialog. This dialog is identical in operation to the Live Space window, with the addition of an input field at the top of the dialog to allow you to specify the name of the space template.

*Multiple send channels.* You can now add FX send channels to the Mixer, up to a maximum of eight channels. Click **FX+** in the Mixer window toolbar to add a new send channel. Only the rightmost send channel can be deleted, so the **FX-** button is only enabled when selecting the rightmost send channel. You will also notice that faders for send channels in the Mixer now have a different colored background.

*Renaming Mixer channels.* It is now possible to rename channels in the Mixer. Simply double-click the channel label at the bottom of the fader, either in the lower zone Mixer or the separate window, type the new name, and hit **Return**. To reset the name back to its default, simply clear the contents of the editor and hit **Return**.

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*Playback templates.* When exporting a playback template, if a space template is specified, it will be exported as part of the exported playback template. Subsequently importing that playback template will also import the space template, and it will appear in **Play ► Space Template**.

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*Default stage and space templates for new projects.* When you start a new project, the stage template defined in the project template will be used, if present; otherwise, the stage template specified in **Default stage template** on the **Play** page of Preferences will be used.

The choice of space template for a new project is governed by one of three things: the playback template, the choice of space template defined in the project template, or the space template override in Preferences.

If **Space template override** is set on the **Play** page of Preferences, Dorico will always use that space template when starting a new project and when applying or re-applying a playback template. If it is not set, Dorico will use the space template specified in the project template when starting a new project, or in the current playback template when it is applied.

If you have your own preferred reverb, compressor, or other settings that you always want to be applied to every project, define that setup as a space template and then choose it under **Space template override** in Preferences.

*Expression and percussion maps.* You can specify in an expression map or a percussion map whether Dorico should apply the settings of the current stage and space templates to the endpoints using these maps.

If the instrument or library you are using was recorded in situ, you probably don't want to apply the stage template, and if the library has its own recorded reverberation, you likewise probably don't want to apply the space template. For example, NotePerformer, which handles stereo position and reverb on its own, is set by default not to apply either a space or a stage template.

## **Pitch contour emphasis**

In Dorico 5, melodies play back more expressively and with a human touch, thanks to its new pitch contour emphasis algorithms. Previous versions of Dorico already include features to prevent playback sounding mechanical, including “humanization” which involves adding tiny amounts of randomness in timing and dynamics. Pitch contour emphasis augments these existing features with something more nuanced.

Human musicians naturally make higher notes in phrases slightly louder than lower ones. However, it is insufficient to simply make all notes progressively a little louder as their pitch rises: human musicians are much more subtle, and the frame of reference for changes of dynamic tends to be a time window of a few seconds.



Dorico emulates the subtle changes in dynamic in musical phrases produced by human musicians, making the performance more expressive but without exaggerating the rise and fall of the melody.

The identification of pitch contour within a melody is based on a several heuristics including relative and absolute pitch, relative note timing and absolute note duration. The effect acts each staff individually, so notes on different staves – even different staves belonging to the same instrument – will not be treated as part of the same melodic line, except for notes that have been crossed from one staff to another. For polyphonic instruments, the top note of each staff is what will be considered when identifying melodic direction.

Pitch contour emphasis is enabled by default in new projects, but is disabled in existing projects to avoid any unexpected changes in dynamics when playing back in Dorico 5.

The options for pitch contour emphasis are found on the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options, in the **Humanize** section:

- **Use pitch contour emphasis** controls whether the effect is on at all.
- **Scale effect by** allows the effect to be turned up or down relative to the default level.
- **Maximum change to written dynamic** specifies the maximum change in dynamic level that Dorico can make in either direction. However high you turn up **Scale effect by**, the change in dynamic level will never be allowed to exceed this value. The default limit is 1.5 dynamic levels, although when **Scale effect by** is 100%, the maximum effect will be closer to 1.25 levels in any case.

These values can also be overridden within an individual expression map.

Be aware that pitch contour emphasis can cause the dynamic level to go below as well as above the default dynamic level - this is necessary to produce smooth transitions between ascending and descending melodic lines. However, any decrease caused by a descending line will be much smaller than an increase caused by a rising line.

*Beat stress.* Because pitch contour emphasis produces a similar amount of dynamic change to beat stress and dynamic humanization, the existing defaults for those features have been adjusted for new projects. If you have your own custom settings, you may wish to change them.

Because pitch contour emphasis does not affect unpitched percussion, the existing beat stress options can usefully be set to a higher value for percussion than for

pitched material. As such, the **Beat stress** options in the **Note Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options now provide separate values for pitched and unpitched instruments.

Similarly, the **Humanize written dynamic by n%** option in the **Humanize** section also now provides separate values for pitched and unpitched instruments.

## Groove Agent SE

Groove Agent SE is the entry-level version of Steinberg's creative drum software and is now included with Dorico 5. It includes a version of The Kit, an acoustic drum kit recorded in Berlin's Teldex Studios, including its classic reverb chamber, and provides a choice of two mic positions.

Not only can Groove Agent SE be used as a high-quality drum kit playback device for your Dorico projects, but it also includes more than 400 MIDI drum patterns, performed by top studio drummers, and mixed by Steinberg's expert engineers. You can trigger these in Dorico using the new MIDI trigger region or drag and drop any pattern onto the track overview in Play mode to import that pattern.

Installing Groove Agent SE is optional but recommended.

*Factory playback templates.* If Groove Agent SE is installed, Dorico will show two additional playback templates: **HSSE+HSO+GASE (Pro)** (Dorico Pro only) and **HSSE+GASE (Elements)** (Dorico Pro and Dorico Elements only). These playback templates will automatically load Groove Agent SE when you add a drum set to your project and use the sounds of the included Studio Kit for playback; these sounds are of superior quality, with greater variety, than the standard drum set in the HALion Sonic factory content.


When Groove Agent SE is loaded, Dorico automatically loads the Studio Kit and a patch containing rock/country patterns. It is also configured such that patterns only respond to notes on MIDI channel 2, to avoid interference between the pitches used to trigger patterns and some of the extended techniques supported by the Studio Kit. When you use a MIDI trigger region to play patterns in Groove Agent SE, Dorico automatically directs the MIDI notes to channel 2 as required.

None of the kits included with Groove Agent SE include woodblocks, so if you add a full drum set instrument to your project, or configure the drum set to have additional instruments, Dorico will load the standard HALion Sonic drum set or other unpitched percussion sounds as available to play back those instruments.


When you first run Dorico 5, if Groove Agent SE is installed, Dorico will choose the appropriate Groove Agent-enabled playback template as your default playback template. If you are updating from Dorico 4 or earlier, Dorico will only choose the



Groove Agent-enabled playback template if the equivalent default playback template was chosen as the default in your previous version. You can adjust this at any time on the **Play** page of Preferences.

*Setting up Groove Agent SE manually.* If you are not using a playback template that includes Groove Agent SE, you will need to set it up manually in your project. The first step is to add Groove Agent SE to the rack:

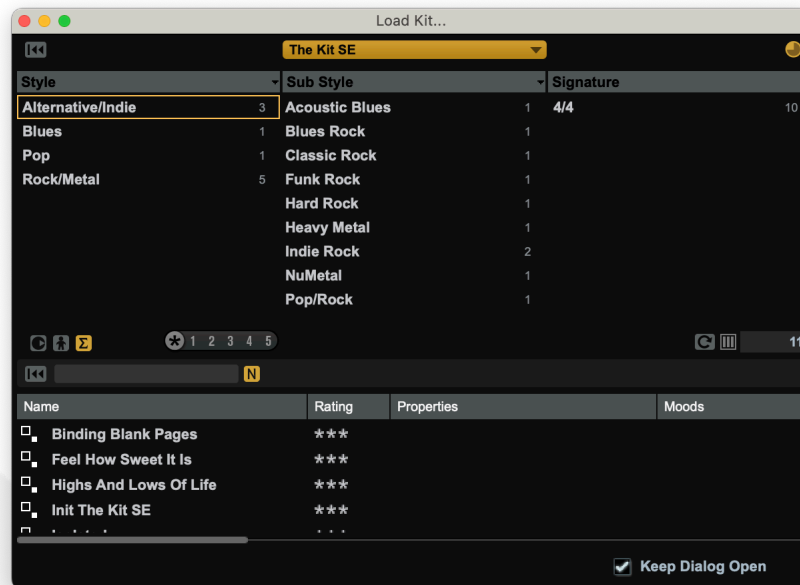
- Switch to Play mode.
- In the left zone, choose the **VST and MIDI** panel.
- Click  in the action bar at the bottom of the **VST Instruments** section to add an empty entry to the rack.
- Using the menu in the empty rack entry, choose **Steinberg ▶ Drum ▶ Groove Agent SE** to load the plug-in.

The Groove Agent SE window is split into four main areas:

- *Kit slot:* located in the top left of the window, this shows the name of the loaded kit, allows you to load a different kit, and change some settings, including whether any associated MIDI patterns should be loaded when the kit is loaded (.
- *Kit rack:* located in the top right of the window, this shows the loaded kit. (In the full Groove Agent plug-in, you can load up to four kits here, but Groove Agent SE allows only one.)
- *Pad section:* located in the bottom left of the window, this section contains transport controls, group buttons, and drum pads. When the pad section is in **Instrument** mode, each pad corresponds to a single instrument in the kit; when in **Pattern** mode, each pad corresponds to a different pattern.
- *Edit display:* located in the bottom right of the window, the edit display contains the **Edit**, **Mixer**, and **Options** pages.

At the top right-hand corner of the edit display, you will find two other useful buttons:  expands the window downwards to show a piano keyboard; and  expands the window rightwards to show the MediaBay panel, allowing you another way to browse and load kits.

To load a kit, either click the name of the kit in the kit slot, or the label below the empty slot in the kit rack. The small MediaBay panel appears:



Click the menu at the top of the panel to choose between the available kits, or click **All** to populate the panel with patches from all the kits. If you want to use Groove Agent SE's MIDI patterns, make sure the **Load Kit with Pattern** button (🎵) is activated in the top right-hand corner. Double-click the kit to load it.

Once a kit is loaded, you need to connect the plug-in to a drum set in your project:

- Switch to Play mode.
- In the left zone, choose the **Track Inspector** panel.
- Select the drum set track in the track overview.
- In the **Routing** section of the track inspector, choose **Groove Agent SE** from the plug-in menu.
- Open the Endpoint Setup dialog by clicking ⚙️.
- In Endpoint Setup, choose **Groove Agent SE Studio Kit** under the **Percussion Map** column for channel 1, and click **OK**.

Now when you write music in your drum set staff, it will be played back by Groove Agent SE instead of the default drum kit in your chosen playback template.

For more information on how to use Groove Agent SE, please refer to its dedicated [Operation Manual](#).

*Using MIDI patterns.* If the kit you have loaded into Groove Agent SE includes MIDI patterns, the **Pattern** button in the pad section shows a small orange activation indicator directly above it: click this, and the pad section will display a grid of patterns:



Patterns are color-coded: regular (or “main”) patterns are yellow; fills are blue; intros are green, and endings are red.

In the top right-hand corner of each pad, the MIDI pitch required to trigger this pattern is displayed. These MIDI pitches are displayed according to the convention that middle C (MIDI note 60) is C3. You may find it useful to set Dorico to use the same middle C convention, which you can do on the **General** page of **Preferences**: set **Middle C (note 60)** to **C3**.

You can drag and drop a pattern into the track overview in Play mode or into the percussion editor in the Key Editor to import that pattern into your score: a red insertion point shows where the pattern will begin.

The other way to use patterns is to trigger them using Dorico 5’s new MIDI trigger regions – see below.

## MIDI trigger regions

The Key Editor allows you to output MIDI continuous controller values, pitch bend, tempo changes, and so on, all without affecting the printed score, but one thing it cannot do is output notes that are not printed in the score.

This is what Dorico’s new MIDI trigger regions are designed to do: play a note or chord that doesn’t appear in the score for a period determined by you.

This is especially useful for triggering MIDI patterns in plug-ins like Groove Agent SE, or other pattern-based instruments such as TGuitar. If you’re writing for a real drummer or guitarist, you don’t need to write out their part in full: give them the structure of the piece, a few rhythmic cues, and chord symbols, and they’ll take care of the rest. But if you want to have some realistic playback without spending a lot of time and effort writing out music that won’t ultimately be played by your human musicians, pattern-based plug-ins can save a lot of time.

*Creating a MIDI trigger region.* You can create a MIDI trigger region as follows:

- Select the region over which you want the note or notes to be played.
- Choose **Write ► Create MIDI Trigger Region**, or use the shortcut **Shift+0** (zero), to open the MIDI trigger region popover.
- Either type the names of the notes you want to be played, or play them on your MIDI keyboard, and hit **Return**.

The MIDI trigger region is created in the score, with a light blue bar below the staff showing the names of the pitch or pitches that will be played for the duration of the region.

When the popover is open, you can repeatedly play single notes or chords on your MIDI keyboard, allowing you to audition different patterns in Groove Agent SE or another pattern-based plug-in. Each separate note or chord you play while the popover is open replaces the previous note or chord, so you can try out as many different notes as you want before you hit **Return**.

*Specifying velocity.* If you use a MIDI keyboard, you will also see the velocity of the note or chord you just played, appended to the list of pitches in parentheses. Dorico will play the notes defined in the MIDI trigger region at this velocity; if no velocity is specified, Dorico will use a default value, roughly equivalent to a dynamic of *mf*.

You can also type a velocity value when typing into the popover: simply specify the velocity as a value between 0 and 127 in parentheses following the last pitch.

*Editing MIDI trigger regions.* To change the note or chord played by an existing MIDI trigger region, select it and hit **Return** to reopen the popover: type or play the new note or chord to be played by the region, and hit **Return** to confirm the changes.

MIDI trigger regions work the same way as other regions, such as bar repeat, rhythmic slash or chord symbol visibility regions: they can be moved, lengthened and shortened using the circular handles that appear when the region is selected, or you can use the standard **Alt+←/→** shortcuts to move the region, and **Shift+Alt+←/→** to shorten and lengthen the region.

*Viewing MIDI trigger regions.* MIDI trigger regions won't print (unless the **View options** checkbox is activated in the **Annotations** section of the right zone in Print mode). They appear on-screen by default, but you can hide or show them by toggling **View ► Highlight MIDI Trigger Regions**.

*Middle C convention.* The note names displayed in MIDI trigger regions follow the **Middle C (note 60)** option on the **General** page of Preferences. If you are using a plug-in that numbers middle C as C3, like Groove Agent SE, you may find it useful to set this

option to **C3** so that the octave numbers shown in the MIDI trigger region match the octave numbers shown in the trigger pads in Groove Agent SE.

## Scrub playback

Scrubbing is a term that dates from the days of editing audio tape, where the tape was manually dragged across the replay head by rotating the reels to locate an edit point, using an action like the cleaning action of scrubbing. In modern software, scrubbing has come to mean the process of playing the audio at variable speeds, either forwards or backwards, as the user drags with the mouse or uses a jog wheel to locate an edit point.

In music notation and composition software, scrubbing can also be useful, even though the kinds of editing performed on music notation differs significantly from digital audio editing. As such, Dorico 5 introduces a new scrub playback feature that makes it easy to audition the whole ensemble or a single instrument at any point and move forwards or backwards through the playback at any speed.

*Enabling scrub playback.* You can enable scrub playback in Write mode in any of the following ways:

- Choose **Play ► Scrub Playback**; or
- Activate the scrub playback button on the toolbar, found between the tempo read-out and the button to open the Transport window; or
- Hold down **Ctrl+Space** (Windows) or **Alt+Space** (macOS).

When scrub playback is activated via the **Play** menu or the toolbar button, it remains active until you explicitly deactivate it, either by hitting **Esc**, choosing the **Scrub Playback** menu item again, or deactivating the toolbar button once more. However, when scrub playback is activated via the keyboard shortcut, it remains active only as long as the keys are held down.

Using the keyboard shortcut is very convenient, as it allows you to quickly activate scrub playback for just a moment. (In this way, it's like the instant print preview that can be activated by holding down the ~ key, and which temporarily hides all non-printing items while you keep the key held down.)

When scrub playback is active, as you move the mouse cursor over the music area, the cursor is shown as a speaker, and the notes that are sounding at the rhythmic position under the mouse cursor play continuously, allowing you to control when you move to the next or previous chord simply by moving the mouse cursor.

*Soloing an instrument.* By default, Dorico plays all the notes at the rhythmic position under the mouse cursor; to solo the instrument directly under the mouse cursor, hold **Shift**. If you are holding down the **Ctrl+Space** (Windows) or **Alt+Space** (macOS)



shortcut to activate scrub playback, you must additionally hold down **Shift** to solo the instrument under the mouse cursor.

*Grace notes.* Non-rhythmic notes like grace notes are not played during scrub playback.

*Repeats.* When scrubbing through music with repeats, Dorico always plays the music as if for the first pass through the repeated section.

## Instrument editor

Dorico has a database of more than 600 instrument types, which define the attributes that determine how the instrument appears, is labeled, and plays back in your project. This includes staff labels, transpositions, standard and advanced ranges, number of staves, number of staff lines, default clefs, and more besides.

Dorico 5 introduces a new **Library ► Instruments** dialog that allows you to edit these definitions and define new instruments. You can save your changes and new instruments for use in future projects.

*Opening the instrument editor.* There are two routes to open the instrument editor:

- In Setup mode, expand the card for the player holding the instrument you want to edit, open the instrument's context menu by clicking ... and choose **Edit Instrument Definition**. The instrument editor opens with the chosen instrument selected, ready for editing.
- Choose **Library ► Instruments**. The instrument corresponding to the first staff in which you have something selected in the score is selected, ready for editing.

*Project instruments and library instruments.* The instrument editor lists each instrument type only once. If a particular instrument type is in use in your project, it appears in the left-hand list with (**in score**) appended to its name. Any edits you make to that instrument definition will be applied to all the instruments of that type in the project.

For example, in the common case that you have two violins in your project, in the instrument editor you will see a single entry in the left-hand list, **Violin (in score)**, and any changes you make will be applied to both violins in the project.

If you have identical instruments in your project and you want to make changes to each of them individually, first use the instrument editor to create a new variant of the instrument definition, and then use **Change Instrument** in Setup mode to use the new variant for the relevant instrument.

For any instrument that is not yet in your project, and changes you make in the instrument editor will be saved to the project's library. When you subsequently



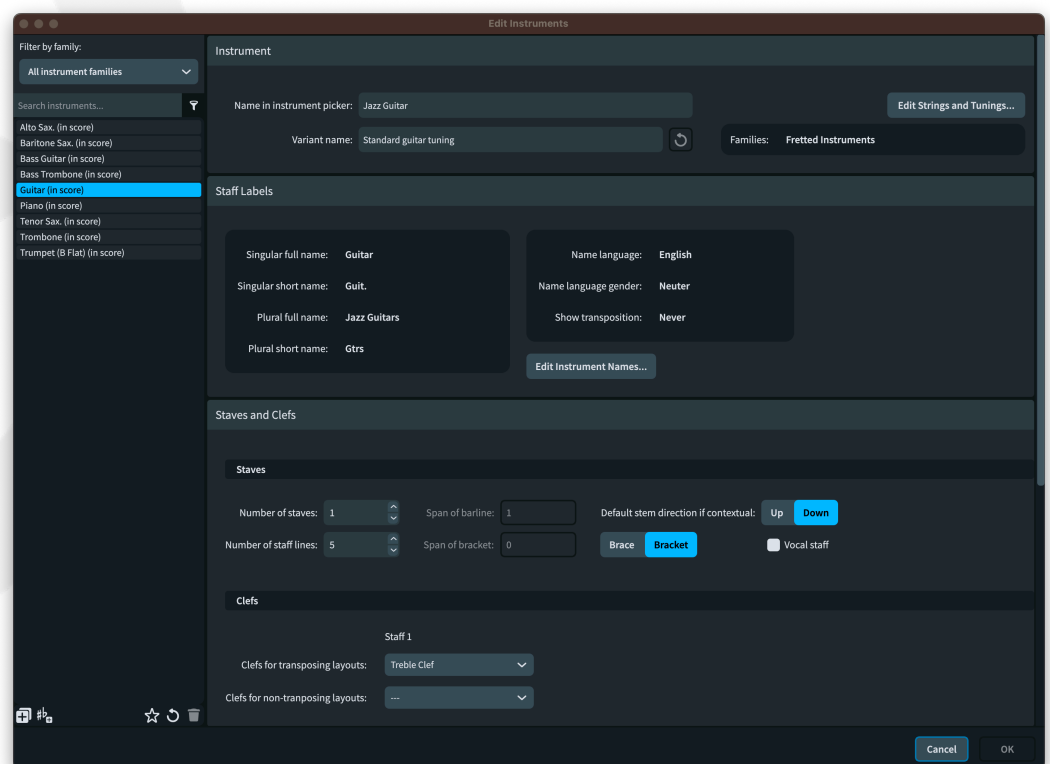
create an instrument that uses this edited instrument definition, it will reflect the edits you made earlier on.

If you want to make edits to instrument definitions, or new instrument definitions, available in future projects, click **Save as Default** (★) in the action bar: when the star icon is filled, the selected instrument definition matches the definition saved in your user library, thereafter available in all new projects.

Click the **Show only project instruments** button (🔍) at the top of the instrument list to quickly filter the list of instrument types such that only the project instruments are shown.

You can otherwise filter the list of instruments by family using the **Filter by family** menu, or by typing all or part of the instrument's name in the **Search instruments** input field at the top of the list of instruments.

*Edit Instruments dialog.* The dialog looks like this, and is split into sections, as follows:



#### Instrument section:

- **Name in instrument picker** is the name used in the middle column of the instrument picker.
- **Variant name** is the name used in the rightmost column of the instrument picker, if there are multiple variants for the parent instrument. Click the Reset variant description button to reset this to its default value.

- **Families** is a read-out showing which families an instrument belongs to. You cannot yet edit this, but this is planned for a future release.
- If the instrument is a fretted instrument, the **Edit Strings and Tunings** button will appear; when clicked, this opens the usual editor for fretted instrument strings.
- If the instrument is a percussion kit, the **Edit Percussion Kit** button will appear; when clicked, this opens the usual editor for percussion kits and instruments.

In the **Staff Labels** section, the current values for each of the names used in staff labels appears; to edit any of them, click **Edit Instrument Names**.

**Staves and Clefs** section:

- **Number of staves** determines how many staves the instrument should have by default.
- **Number of staff lines** determines the number of staff lines shown in each staff belonging to the instrument. Even if you change the number of staff lines, Dorico will still treat the instrument as a pitched instrument. Dorico does not properly support pitched instruments with staves with more or fewer than five lines, so be prepared for some interesting results if you stray too far here.
- If the instrument has more than one staff, **Span of barline** allows you to specify which staves (from top to bottom) should be joined by a barline.
- Similarly, **Span of bracket** allows you to specify which staves should be joined by a bracket or brace, and the choice of what kind of primary bracket should be used can be specified by choosing either **Bracket** or **Brace**.
- Activating **Vocal staff** means that dynamics will go above the staff by default, and that barlines that would otherwise be joined to adjacent staves in the same primary bracket group should be broken, in service of making lyrics more legible.
- For each default staff defined for the instrument, you can specify the **Clef for transposing layouts**, and optionally a different **Clef for non-transposing layout** as well.

In the **Transposition** section, you can specify the transposition interval for the instrument:

- **Written middle C (note 60) sounds as** specifies an octave transposition in concert pitch layouts: for example, assuming you are using the C4 middle C convention, for a guitar (which sounds one octave lower than written), this would be set to **C3**; for a piccolo (which sounds one octave higher than written), this would be set to **C5**.

- **In a transposing score, written middle C (note 60) sounds as** specifies the transposition in a transposing layout: for example, again assuming C4 as middle C, an alto saxophone (which sounds a major sixth lower than written) would be set to **Eb3**, while a contrabass clarinet (which sounds two octaves and one whole step lower than written) would be set to **Bb1**.
- **Uses key signature** determines whether the instrument shows key signatures, or instead shows accidentals as required for every note.

Finally, the **Range** section allows you to specify the standard and advanced ranges for the instrument, which are used when **View ► Note and Rest Colors ► Notes Out of Range** is activated. The pitches between the **End** values of **Standard range** and **Advanced range** are shown in dark red, while any pitch higher than the **End** value for **Advanced range** is shown in bright red. Likewise, the pitches between the **Start** values of **Advanced range** and **Standard range** are shown in dark red, while any pitch lower than the **Start** value for **Advanced range** is shown in bright red.

*Change instrument.* In previous versions, the **Change Instrument** command in the instrument's context menu in the Players panel in Setup mode was unavailable if the instrument had any additional staves, for example ossias, divisi staves, or extra staves added after the instrument was first created. These limitations have now been removed, though there are some caveats to be aware of:

- When reducing the number of staves in an instrument, any ossia staves associated with a staff that is removed will themselves be removed.
- When reducing the number of staves in an instrument, any extra staves beyond the new number of staves will be added as extra staves below the new lowest staff in the instrument.

It is still not possible to use **Change Instrument** with percussion kits, but we plan to address this in a future release.

*Percussion kits.* It is not currently possible to edit percussion kit instruments that exist in the current project via the **Library ► Instruments** dialog. As such, any percussion kits that are held by players in your project will not appear in the list on the left-hand side of the **Instruments** dialog, and you cannot choose **Edit Instrument Definition** from the context menu for the instrument in the Players panel in Setup mode. We plan to relax this restriction in a future release.

*Instrument families and score orders.* You cannot yet edit instrument families or the ordering used by Dorico when adding players and instruments to your project, but we plan to introduce editors for these in a future release.

## Live note editing

Dorico has historically never allowed the editing of the pitches or positions of notes using the mouse, with the justification that in other software this can be one of the most likely causes of inadvertent edits: you might be clicking and dragging to move the score in the view, accidentally click a note or, worse, a whole bar full of notes, and have edited the pitch before you really know what's happened.

However, we know that making these kinds of edits directly with the mouse can be very helpful, especially if you are already using the mouse when you spot the edit that you want to make. Furthermore, with the recent introduction of the Key Editor in Write mode, it became possible to edit the pitch and duration of notes in the piano roll editor using the mouse.

Dorico 5, then, extends mouse editing in Write mode from the piano roll to the main music area, allowing you to edit the pitch or duration of selected notes by clicking and dragging. We have added constraints so that you can be sure you are editing *either* the pitch *or* the duration, but never both, and there is strong visual feedback in the score to ensure that you are always aware when you are editing the music.

If you hold to Dorico's original philosophy that it should be impossible to inadvertently edit the music with the mouse, you can also of course completely disable mouse-based editing of notes in Write mode if you prefer.

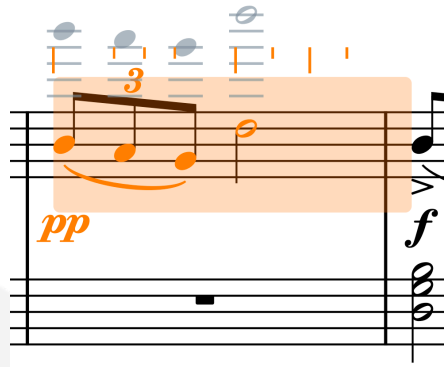
*Pitch edits.* You can now repitch notes by dragging them vertically in Write mode. Hold **Alt** to copy them (so you can select a note or series of notes, hold **Alt** and drag up or down to build a chord). Dorico auditions each target pitch as you drag.

In general, dragging notes up and down transposes the notes in the same way as transposing them stepwise with **Alt**+**↑/↓**.

*Rhythmic position edits.* You can also move or copy notes to a new rhythmic position by dragging horizontally. Again, hold **Alt** to copy the music to the new position. The rhythmic grid appears as you drag to help you orientate the position at which the music will be dropped. The translucent rectangle showing the rhythmic extent of the passage being moved extends back to the start of any selected rests at the start of the selection, and to the end of the final note in the selection, to show you which music will be overwritten or displaced.

This works as you would expect with Insert mode and chord input, allowing you to, for example, swap the material in two bars by engaging Insert mode and dragging the contents of one bar to the start of the next.

*Visual feedback.* During the drag, you will see ghost noteheads that correspond to the onset position for each note, and the region that will be affected is shown by a translucent rectangle that follows the ghost notes as they move.



If you want to cancel your edit, simply hit **Esc** before you release the mouse pointer.

*Disabling mouse editing.* If you want to disable this feature, deactivate the new **Enable note pitch and rhythmic position editing using the mouse** option on the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences.

You can also toggle this mode of editing by assigning a custom key command to the **Toggle Mouse Note Editing** command in the **Note Input** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences or invoke this command using the jump bar.

## Multiple item creation

Dorico 5 overhauls item creation from a selection: you can now create multiple items at the same time, on multiple instruments, and even at different positions on each instrument.

In previous versions, selecting music across multiple staves and then creating an item via one of Dorico's popovers or Write mode panels would create a single item at the earliest selected rhythmic position on the first selected instrument. There were a couple of notable exceptions to this rule: you can create slurs and dynamics on multiple instruments at the same time, and items that modify existing notes rather than creating new items (for example, articulations and jazz articulations) can be applied to all selected notes at the same time. Additionally, during note input, when the caret is extended across multiple staves, any item you create (for example, via a popover) will be created on all staves.

Now, Dorico will create the specified item on each of the selected instruments: by default, it will do this at the rhythmic position of the first note in the selection on each instrument, which may be different, though you can specify that Dorico should instead create the item at the same rhythmic position (the earliest selected position) on each instrument if you prefer.

The items created on each instrument will also adapt to the selection on each staff. For example, when you select music across multiple instruments in which notes not only start at different positions, but the notes are of different durations or have rests at different positions, the item created on each instrument will have an appropriate duration.

Some items have further special behaviors: for example, you can now select multiple chords and create arpeggio signs on each of them at the same time; and you can create multiple glissandos at the same time, including between chords with different numbers of notes or on different staves.

*Playing techniques.* When creating playing techniques across a selection that spans multiple rhythmic positions on one or more instruments, Dorico now considers whether the underlying playback technique produced by the playing technique is a **Direction** or an **Attribute**. **Direction** playback techniques are sticky and last until they are countermanded by another playback technique, or are reset via *naturale*: for example, a pizzicato instruction. **Attribute** playback techniques, on the other hand, only last for the duration of the note on which they are written, automatically resetting at the next note; for example, an upbow or downbow instruction.

Consequently, when you create a playing technique that maps to a **Direction** playback technique, Dorico creates a single playing technique with an appropriate duration, and draws either a continuation line or repeats the symbol according to the playing technique's definition.

When you create a playing technique that maps to an **Attribute** playback technique, by contrast, Dorico creates a separate playing technique on each selected note. This makes it very quick and easy to add bowing marks: select multiple notes, for example, with **Ctrl**+click (Windows) or **Command**-click (macOS), type **Shift**+**P** for the playing technique popover, type **upbow**, and hit **Return**. Each selected note will have an upbow playing technique added.

*Glissandos.* In previous versions, to create a glissando you could either select both the starting and ending notes, or select the starting note and Dorico would automatically find the ending note when you create the glissando; in either case, Dorico could only create a single glissando line.

Now, Dorico will automatically create as many glissando lines as possible within the selection: if you select a series of individual notes, Dorico will create a glissando between each pair of notes; if you select a series of chords, Dorico will create as many glissandos as it can between each chord, joining the highest notes of each chord, then the next highest, and so on, until it runs out of notes in either chord; this

even works across multiple staves belonging to the same instrument, making it very quick to create sweeping arpeggios for harp.

*Arpeggio signs.* To create arpeggio signs on multiple chords at the same time, simply select each chord on which you want an arpeggio sign to appear, type **Shift+O** to open the ornaments popover, then type **arp** and hit **Return**.

*Ornaments and trills.* Dorico now creates an ornament at each note position in the selection.

A new option **Create separate trills for each selected note** has been added to the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences. When activated, Dorico will create a trill at each note position in the selection; when the option is deactivated, Dorico will instead create a single trill on each staff in the selection, starting at the first selected position and ending after the last selected position.

*Region-based items.* Rhythmic slash regions, repeat bar regions, numbered bar regions, chord symbol visibility regions, and MIDI trigger regions can all be created across multiple selected instruments. The position and duration of each created region will be the same on every instrument.

*Position of first created item.* By default, the position of the first created item will be determined by the position of the first note on each staff. This means you can quickly make, for example, a block selection by selecting a note or rest in one staff, then **Shift+click** in another staff, selecting notes and rests across multiple staves, then open the **Shift+D** popover and add a hairpin: the hairpin will be created on each staff, starting at the position of the first selected note on each staff.

If you would prefer Dorico to create the chosen item at the start of the selection, regardless of whether there is a note at that position on every staff, deactivate **Create items at position of first selected note** in the **Editing** section of the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences.

In *Behind Bars*, Gould recommends that clef changes should change at barline positions if possible, instead of immediately before the note. As such, a separate **Create clefs at position of first selected note** option allows you to specify whether clefs should be created at the start of the selection, even if you in general want items to be created immediately before the first note.



## Improvements

### Accidentals

*Improved choice of accidentals when repitching.* When using extended tonality systems, such as either of the default 24-EDO tonality systems, it is common to arrive at the desired microtonal accidental by inputting the nearest 12-EDO pitch, for example using a MIDI keyboard, and then repitch the note with **Shift+Alt+↑/↓**.

However, in previous versions of Dorico, the order in which Dorico would choose the next accidental was not always easy to predict, and nor was it guaranteed that Dorico would show all the possibilities.

Now, when repitching upwards and arriving at a new pitch class, Dorico will choose the “most flat” accidental; conversely, when repitching downwards, Dorico will choose the “most sharp” accidental. As you continue to repitch upwards or downwards, Dorico will continue to move sharper or flatter in a consistent fashion.

### Audio export

*Project activation warning.* When you try to export audio (or MIDI) from a project that is not active for playback, Dorico now shows a warning that you need to activate the project for playback and try again.

### Bar numbers

*Bar numbers coinciding with start of multi-bar rest.* If bar numbers are set to show at the start of every system, but a multi-bar rest falls at the start of the system and the option **Show ranges of bar numbers under multi-bar rests and consolidated bar repeats** is active, by default Dorico will not show a bar number at the start of that system.

However, you might prefer the single bar number to appear in its normal position at the start of the system in addition to the range shown below the multi-bar rest, in which case activate the new option **Show normal bar number if coincident with start of multi-bar rest showing range** on the **Bar Numbers** page of Layout Options.

*Horizontal alignment.* It is now possible to specify that bar numbers should be left-aligned with barlines if desired.

*Hiding bar number changes.* Bar numbers that arise from bar number changes can now be hidden via the **Hide/Show Item** command, accessed via the jump bar or a custom key command.

### Brackets and braces

*Sub-brackets for violins.* New **Sub-brackets for adjacent violin players** option on the **Brackets and Braces** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify that adjacent



violin players, for example Violin 1 and Violin 2 section players, should use separate sub-brackets. This is especially useful if *divisi* is employed, making it immediately clear which staves belong to which player. There are three choices:

- **Single** will join Violin 1 and Violin 2 with a single sub-bracket regardless of the number of staves each shows on the system.
- **Separate** will always give separate sub-brackets for Violin 1 and Violin 2, even if each only shows a single staff on the system.
- **Separate for multiple staves** will join Violin 1 and Violin 2 with a single sub-bracket if each only shows a single staff on the system, but will otherwise only show a sub-bracket for either instrument if it shows multiple staves on the system.

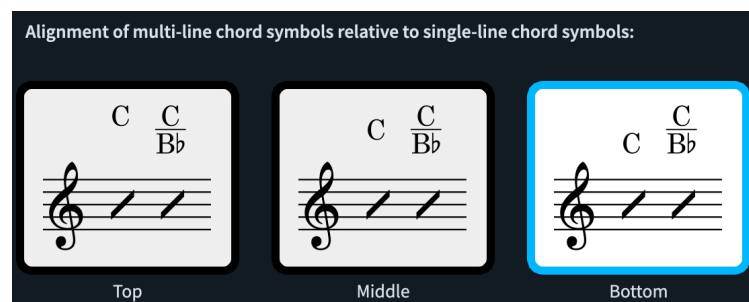
*Sub-brackets matching primary brackets.* New **When sub-bracket matches primary bracket** option on the **Brackets and Braces** page of Layout Options, allowing you to specify whether Dorico should draw a secondary bracket if the bracket will encompass the same staves as the primary bracket.

## Chord diagrams

*Used chord diagrams at start of flow.* As part of a broader set of improvements to the alignment and positioning of chord symbols and diagrams, the chord diagrams shown before the first system of the flow when **Show chord diagrams used at start of flow** is activated are now properly measured, considering the geometry of the drawn chord symbols into account as well as the chord diagrams, and ensuring that they are all contained within the bounds of the automatic frame.

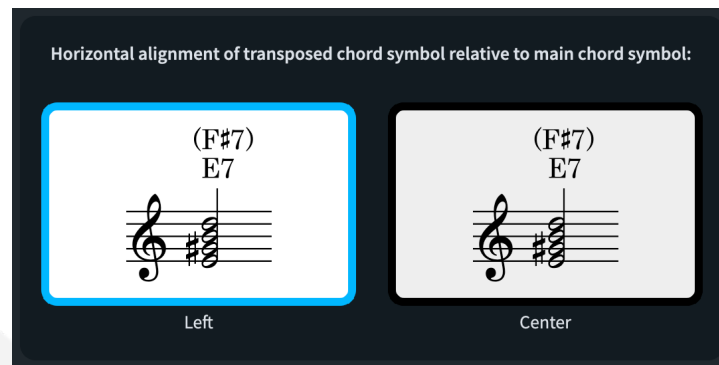
## Chord symbols

*Chord symbol alignment.* A new **Alignment of multi-line chord symbols relative to single-line chord symbols** option has been added to the **Position** section of the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options.



When some chord symbols across the width of a system have altered bass notes (or are polychords) and others do not, this option determines whether the “single-level” chord symbols should be aligned with the top, middle, or bottom of the “double-level” chord symbols.

*Capo chord symbol horizontal alignment.* A new **Horizontal alignment of transposed chord symbol relative to main chord symbol** option has been added to the **Position** section of the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options.



In existing projects, the upper chord symbol will continue to be left-aligned with the lower chord symbol, but in new projects the upper chord symbol will be center-aligned.

*Position of root accidentals and stacked alterations.* New options for the fine positioning and alignment of chord symbol root accidentals and the horizontal positioning of stacked alterations have been added to the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options:

- In a new **Advanced Options** section under **Vertical Position** in the **Position** section, new **Vertical offset for baseline root accidentals** values allow you to adjust the vertical position of the accidental shown as part of the chord symbol root.
- A new **Vertical offset for parentheses around stacked alterations** option has also been added here, which controls the precise vertical placement of the full-height parentheses around stacked alterations.
- In the **Alterations** section, **Position of stacked alterations relative to root** determines whether vertically stacked alterations should be aligned with the chord symbol baseline (**Align bottom with root**) or center-aligned against the root (**Center align on root**).
- Also in the **Alterations** section, **Horizontal alignment of stacked alterations** allows you to choose between stacked alterations being **Left aligned** or **Center aligned** relative to each other.

*Height of parentheses.* A new **Scale parentheses to height of chord symbol with linear arrangement** option has been added to the **Parentheses** section of the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options.

If a chord symbol has a linear arrangement, the parentheses can still be scaled to consider the height of, for example, the slash before an altered bass note. If you

prefer chord symbols without stacked alterations to use parentheses that match the root note height, deactivate this option. The effect is subtle, but is illustrated as follows, affecting only the first of the three chord symbols shown:

(E/G#) (E) (Em7<sup>#1</sup><sub>b5</sub>)

*Deactivated*

(E/G#) (E) (Em7<sup>#1</sup><sub>b5</sub>)

*Activated*

*6/9 chord symbol appearance.* A new **Use 6/9 appearance for chords with a sixth and ninth and additional alterations** checkbox has been added to the **Appearance of 6/9 chords** option in the Intervals section of the **Chord Symbols** page of Engraving Options. When this is activated, and when 6/9 chord symbols are set to display using some form of “6/9” rather than “6(add9)”, 6/9 chords with additional alterations will appear as, for example, “C6/9(#11)” instead of “C6(add 9, #11)”.

*Chord symbol regions.* Copying and pasting a chord symbol region to a staff belonging to an instrument that does not show chord symbols, or using duplicate/move to staff above or below to copy or move a chord symbol region, will now automatically update the chord symbol visibility settings for that player as appropriate.

## Clefs and octave lines

*Hiding clefs and octave lines.* Dorico has always provided a means of hiding clefs in a particular layout transposition, on the grounds that you may well want to omit clef changes if, say, the initial clef in the instrument is different; but it’s also the case that you may want some clefs to appear in the score to avoid ledger lines for the conductor, but the individual performer would be happy to read the ledger lines. Similar considerations apply to octave lines, which are in musical terms functionally the same.

As such, a new **Hide** property has been added to both the **Clefs** and **Octave Lines** groups in the Properties panel, allowing clefs and octave lines to be hidden in the current layout.

You can also use the **Hide/Show Item** command, either by assigning a custom key command or via the jump bar, to toggle the **Hide** property for clefs and octave lines.

## Condensing

*Condensing changes.* When you choose **Engrave ► Condensing Change** with an item other than an existing condensing change signpost selected, Dorico will now look for an existing condensing change at the position of the earliest selected item, and if it finds one, it will edit that condensing change rather than creating a new one.

## Dynamics

*Niente circle size and gap.* The default size of the *niente* circle that appears at the start or end of a hairpin denoting a gradual dynamic that either rises from or falls to silence is larger in new projects, and a new **Scale factor for niente circle** option can be found in the **Advanced Options** section of the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to further adjust this to your taste.

Furthermore, some publishers prefer the *niente* circle to be positioned either slightly before or after the hairpin, rather than abutting it; a new **Gap between end of hairpin and niente circle** option allows you to change this as you see fit. By default, in new projects, there is now a quarter space gap between the end of the hairpin and the *niente* circle.

*Niente appearance.* A new **Style for niente 'n'** option has been added to the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to choose between using a bold or plain italic *n* for a niente marking at the start or end of a hairpin.

*Text on hairpins.* A new **Vertical position of modifier text inside center of hairpin** option has been added to the **Gradual Dynamics** section of the **Dynamics** page of Engraving Options, allowing you to specify the default vertical offset for *poco* and *molto* text when drawn in the center of a hairpin.

*Gradual dynamic appearance.* Entering **cresc...** or **dim...** in the **Shift+D** popover will now automatically set the **Gradual style** property such that the text-based gradual dynamic will show a continuation line.

## Expression maps

*Per-switch delay.* Sounds with a slow attack or rise time can sometimes sound a little late if their notes are played exactly where written. It's common therefore to adjust the start positions of notes using these sounds to compensate for their slow attack.

You can now specify a delay in milliseconds for each switch in an expression map to accomplish this automatically: set **Delay *n* milliseconds** to the appropriate value. To make the notes sound earlier than written, specify a negative number; to make the notes sound later than written, specify a positive number.

If you have abutting notes whose playback techniques require different switches with different delay values, you may encounter some overlaps.

## Key Editor

*Velocity editor.* A spin box showing the value of the first selected note's velocity has been added to the editor header at the left-hand side. Changing the value shown here updates the velocity of all selected notes.

Furthermore, the velocity value corresponding to the vertical position of the mouse pointer within the editor is now always displayed.

*Dynamics editor.* The buttons to specify whether the selected point should be linear or constant have been added to the editor header at the left-hand side. Only points in blue regions created via the pencil or line tools can be edited in this way, so for green regions corresponding to dynamics in the score, these buttons are disabled.

*MIDI CC editor.* If **Include MIDI CC, pitch bend and dynamics from Key Editor when copying music** is activated on the **Note Input and Editing** page of Preferences, when pasting MIDI CC data, existing regions will be retained, rather than all pasted MIDI CC data being merged into a single new destination region.

*Ruler.* Double-clicking in the ruler in the Key Editor or in the track overview in Play mode now starts playback from that position.

## Layouts

*Propagate Part Formatting.* It is now possible to invoke the **Propagate Part Formatting** command from any mode via the jump bar or a key command.

## Library Manager

*Support for more library files.* The Library Manager is now able to correctly handle Dorico library files exported from other parts of the program, for example percussion kits exported from the Edit Percussion Kit dialog.

## Lyrics

*Japanese lyrics.* A new option **Use Japanese hyphens instead of extender line** has been added to the **Lyric Extenders** section of the **Lyrics** page of Engraving Options, switched off by default both in new and existing projects. When this option is activated, instead of showing a lyric extender line for syllables that should be sung over multiple notes, or for a single note written with ties, Dorico instead shows a Japanese hyphen character at each notehead position.

*Lyric extender position.* The right-hand end of the lyric extender line is now automatically aligned with the right-hand side of the notehead at the position of the end of the extender line.

*Lyric hyphens.* By default, lyric hyphens are drawn using the default paragraph style for the current line of lyrics. If the lyric syllable immediately to the left of the hyphens

uses a different paragraph style (for example, by way of the **Paragraph style** property), the hyphen now uses the same, overridden paragraph style.

*Non-breaking spaces in Edit Line of Lyrics.* In the **Edit Line of Lyrics** dialog, non-breaking spaces in lyrics appear as mid-dot characters, like this: ·. If you need to add or move a non-breaking space while editing your lyrics, you can now type **Shift+Alt+Space** to add a mid-dot that will be replaced with a non-breaking space when you confirm the dialog.

## Music fonts

*New music font families.* Thanks to the growing adoption of the Standard Music Font Layout (SMuFL), there are several music font families released under the same SIL Open Font License as Dorico's default music fonts, Bravura and Petaluma. However, installing these fonts is typically tricky, and can require either manual installation or the installation of other applications. Dorico 5 therefore now installs eight new music font families:

- **Finale Ash:** a handwritten-style font, a modern recreation of the famous AshMusic font, based on the hand of copyist Ashley Wells.
- **Finale Broadway:** a handwritten-style font, designed to emulate a thin nib ink pen.
- **Finale Jazz:** a handwritten-style font, originally created by trumpeter Rich Sigler to emulate the hand copying of Clinton Roemer, using an oblique nib ink pen.
- **Finale Maestro:** an engraved-style font, drawing on similar source material to Bravura, but with overall a less bold look.
- **Golden Age:** a handwritten-style font, a modern recreation of Don Rice's original Golden Age font, based on his own hand. The weight of the font is somewhere between the thinner appearance of Finale Broadway and the very bold appearance of Finale Jazz.
- **Leipzig:** an engraved-style font, initially developed by Etienne Darbellay and Jean-François Marti as part of the Wolfgang music notation software and today most associated with the Verovio project. It has greater stroke contrast than either Bravura or Finale Maestro.
- **Leland:** an engraved-style font, developed by Simon Smith and Martin Keary for MuseScore. It is designed to emulate the look of the venerable SCORE music notation software by the late Leland Smith.
- **Sebastian:** an engraved-style font, developed by Florian Kretlow and Ben Byram-Wigfield. Like Bravura, the overall look of Sebastian is quite bold.

In addition, several of these music fonts are paired with text font families to provide a harmonious overall look to your scores.

To try out a different music font in your project at any time, choose one from **Library ► Music Fonts**.

*Text font family.* If the font-specific metadata file does not specify a preferred text font family, Dorico no longer resets the font used for the default font and paragraph styles to Academico.

## MusicXML export

*System formatting.* MusicXML files exported from Dorico now specify system and frame (or, in MusicXML terms, page) breaks such that the system formatting of the layout being exported is encoded.

*Page size, staff size, and margins.* The page size and staff size specified on the **Page Setup** page of Layout Options are now encoded when exporting MusicXML. Basic page margins are also specified, though only a single set of margins is exported, so if your layout uses mirrored or different margins on facing pages, these will not be completely encoded.

*Music and text fonts.* Dorico now exports the names of the music font and main text font used in the project when exporting MusicXML.

*File extension.* Uncompressed MusicXML files exported by Dorico now have the correct **.musicxml** file extension, and report themselves as MusicXML 4.0 files.

*Noteheads.* Dorico's built-in **X and Diamond**, **Large X and Diamond**, and **Large Circled** notehead sets are now correctly exported to MusicXML.

## MusicXML import

*Holds and pauses.* Fermatas, breath marks, and caesuras are now imported from MusicXML files.

Dorico treats fermatas and caesuras as global items that affect all instruments in the system, as this reflects common notational practices, but MusicXML does not enforce this: a MusicXML file can encode a fermata, for example, on just one staff, but in Dorico, that fermata would appear at the appropriate rhythmic position on every instrument. As such, when importing these items from MusicXML, Dorico analyses the fermatas and caesuras in the MusicXML file and groups them such that it creates only the appropriate global items. This means that it is not guaranteed that fermatas and caesuras will appear at precisely the same positions as encoded in the MusicXML file, but the result should always make musical sense.

With both caesuras and breath marks, there is the additional complication that different applications specify the rhythmic position of caesuras in different ways. Dorico employs heuristics based on which application exported the MusicXML file to try to produce the intended result as often as possible.



*Ornaments.* MusicXML specifies a wide range of ornaments that can be encoded, and Dorico now imports all of these, except for delayed turns, delayed inverted turns, and shakes.

*Harmonics.* Dorico now imports natural and artificial harmonics from MusicXML files.

*Playing techniques.* A wider range of playing techniques is now imported from MusicXML files, including mute/open/stopped indications for brass instruments, and bowing marks and snap pizzicato indications for string instruments.

In addition, MusicXML allows the encoding of relatively freeform playing techniques either as text or glyphs using the **other-technical** element, and Dorico will do its best to import these as playing techniques. You may prefer to exclude these, in which case deactivate **Import other-technical playing techniques** on the **MusicXML Import** page of Preferences.

*Staff labels.* The handling of instrument transpositions in staff labels has been greatly improved. The staff label in the MusicXML file itself could be encoded as, for example, “Clarinet in Bb”, and Dorico would correctly identify this part as belonging to a Clarinet, but also import the part name from the MusicXML file exactly, then apply the prevailing layout options for staff labels, resulting in nonsensical names like “Clarinet in Bb in Bb”.

Dorico now takes a more nuanced approach, attempting to parse the part name in the MusicXML file to identify the instrument name and the transposition independently, and adjusting the layout and engraving options such that the automatic staff labels in Dorico match the appearance specified in the MusicXML file as closely as is practical.

*Voice direction for grand staff instruments.* When importing music in multiple voices, particularly for grand staff instruments like piano, Dorico’s choice of voice direction, which uses heuristics to determine whether a voice should be nominally up-stem or down-stem, did not always in previous versions conform to the default voice directions that are used when inputting notes yourself. This could lead to unexpected behavior when editing or adding more music later on.

The approach to determining voice directions has been improved such that voices with ambiguous directions now default to up-stem rather than alternating between up- and down-stem, and Dorico tries also to make sure that a single voice on a staff will always be up-stem.

## Note grouping

*Note grouping in cut time.* A new **Use common time note grouping for cut common time signatures** option has been added to the **Time Signatures With Half-Bars**



section of the **Note Grouping** page of Notation Options. When activated, this causes Dorico to group notes, beamed groups and rests in 2/2 and cut common time using the rules for 4/4 or common time.

A new property, **Use common time note grouping**, has been added to the **Time Signatures** group, allowing you to selectively apply the new notation option to group notes and rests in cut common time in the same manner as common time for an individual time signature if required.

## Note input

*Double-tap for dotted note values.* You can now specify that the next note to be input should be dotted by tapping the key for the note duration twice in quick succession: tap **6** once for a quarter note (crotchet), or tap **6** twice for a dotted quarter note (dotted crotchet).

This works both when note input is active (i.e. the caret is shown), and when editing the durations of selected notes, but not when pitch before duration input is active.

*Add bar at end of flow.* A new command **Add Bar at End of Flow** has been added to the **Note Input** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences, allowing you to assign a custom shortcut to add a bar at the end of the flow. This command can also be triggered via the jump bar.

*Deleting bars.* A new command **Edit ► Delete Bars** command, intended to make it easier to discover how to delete bars. Dorico determines the bars to be deleted by the positions of the earliest and latest selected items.

*Single-stem tremolos.* When joining notes in the same voice with ties, Dorico now preserves any existing single-stem tremolos on all selected staves affected by the operation, rather than only the first selected one.

## Note spacing

*Voice column handles.* When editing note spacing in Engrave mode, each global spacing column shows a square handle, and when selected, each square handle shows one or more circular handles, corresponding to the voice columns for the items in that global spacing column on that staff.

You can see at a glance when a global column has an adjustment, as the square handle will be colored red. However, to see whether a voice column has an adjustment, you had to select the corresponding square handle, as the circular handles appear only when the square handle is selected.

This has now changed in Dorico 5, such that any adjusted voice column will always show its circular handle in red. This makes it much easier to locate spacing adjustments to voice columns.

## Ornaments

*More default ornaments.* The **Baroque and Classical** section of the Ornaments panel in Write mode now includes a wider range of default ornaments.

## Page templates

*Importing page templates.* When importing page templates from library files in previous versions, it was common for any custom paragraph styles used in its text frame definitions to be duplicated, even if the destination project already contains the same styles.

Dorico is now much more selective about importing paragraph and character styles when importing page templates. A style will now only be imported if it is user-defined and does not already exist in the destination project.

*Exporting page templates.* If a page template uses one or more custom character styles in its text frame definitions, these styles are now included in the exported library file.

## Pedal lines

*Merging pedal lines.* When merging multiple selected pedal lines, Dorico now creates a retake at each position corresponding to the start of each merged pedal line.

## Playback

*Repeats playback.* Sometimes it is necessary to specify that certain notes, dynamics, or other items should be played back only on a specific pass through the music when following a repeats structure. To accommodate this, the **Suppress playback** property in the **Common** group of the Properties panel has been extended, and now allows you to specify whether the selected item should be suppressed in playback Always (on every repeat), or **On Passes** (on one or more specific repeats).

When you choose **On Passes**, by default the item will play back on every repeat. To specify on which passes the item should not play back, activate the new **Suppress on passes** property, found immediately below **Suppress playback**, and specify the passes on which the item should not play back.

The first time something is played is considered pass 1, the first repeat is considered pass 2, and so on. Specify the passes on which the item should not play back using a comma-separated list of passes, or specify a range of passes by separating the first and last pass with a hyphen. For example: **1,3,5-7**.

Be aware that suppressing playback for tempo items can have unexpected effects. Specifically, if you suppress the immediate tempo change preceding a gradual tempo change on only some passes, the gradual tempo will play back as if the

immediate tempo change were not suppressed: it will start from the suppressed tempo.

*Suppress playback.* A new **Toggle Suppress Playback** command has been added to the **Edit** category in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences, allowing you to toggle the **Suppress playback** property for the selected items using a custom keyboard shortcut, or via the jump bar.

*Pedal lines.* Pedal lines that cross repeat barlines and endings now play back correctly, considering the multiple passes through the music.

*Tremolos.* Articulations of attack (such as accents) now only affect the first played note of the tremolo, rather than being repeated on every note. By contrast, articulations of duration (such as staccato) are now applied to all the notes of the tremolo.

Measured tremolos now play back using the appropriate note length condition for the played durations of the notes in the tremolo, rather than the original written duration of the notes on which the tremolo strokes appear.

*Note length conditions.* When Dorico is determining which switch to use in the expression map, it has a system of fallbacks that it uses if the specific combination of playing techniques used in the score does not map directly onto either a single base switch, or a combination of a base switch and one or more add-on switches. If the switches in the expression map define note length conditions, Dorico will now prefer to fall back to a switch that matches, say, only one of the desired playback techniques, and additionally satisfies the note length condition.

*Dynamic power curve.* Two new options, **Minimum dynamic level** and **Maximum dynamic level**, have been added to the **Dynamic Curve** section of the **Dynamics** page of Playback Options. As their names suggest, they specify the dynamic levels at either end of the dynamic power curve, allowing you to compress the overall dynamic range.

By default, these are set to **-6** and **6** respectively, corresponding to ***pppppp*** and ***ffffff***. If your music typically doesn't use dynamics beyond ***ppp*** and ***fff***, try setting these values to **-3** and **3**. This will allow a greater difference between these dynamic levels; any written dynamics softer or louder than the minimum and maximum defined here will play back with the minimum or maximum value as appropriate.

Used in conjunction with the existing **Dynamic curve power** option, this allows greater control over the dynamic response during playback. The new options can also be overridden in any expression map in the **Playback Options Overrides** section of **Library ► Expression Maps**.

*Microtonal playback.* Dorico can now play back microtonal pitches using MIDI pitch bend if required.

Using MIDI pitch bend rather than VST Note Expression (as used by e.g. HALion Sonic and Pianoteq) or VST detune (as used by NotePerformer) has a couple of notable disadvantages: because MIDI pitch bend is a channel-wide message, you cannot play chords that require different pitch bend values to produce the required pitches; and Dorico cannot determine automatically what pitch bend range is supported by a plug-in or MIDI device (it will typically be either a whole step or an octave).

Nevertheless, for certain applications using monophonic instruments, using MIDI pitch bend for microtonal playback can have advantages, too: it allows you to produce microtonal playback for plug-ins that don't support either of the other, better methods (for example, Kontakt); and MIDI pitch bend messages are included when exporting MIDI, which allows microtonal pitches to be taken into your DAW or other application. Using MIDI pitch bend for microtonal playback is opt-in, and must be activated for your plug-in via the new **Microtonality playback** menu in **Library ► Expression Maps**.

## Playback templates

*Overwrite warning.* When you export a playback template via **Play ► Playback Template**, Dorico will now warn you if the template you're exporting will overwrite an existing file.

## Play mode

*Routing for percussion kit components.* Each individual unpitched percussion instrument included in a percussion kit now appears as a separate track in the track overview in Play mode, making it possible to select each instrument and change the settings in the **Routing** section of the track inspector panel independently.

This restores functionality that was present in versions of Dorico up to 3.5 that was temporarily removed as a consequence of the rebuilding of Play mode in Dorico 4, allowing each instrument in a percussion kit to be routed to a different endpoint if necessary.

*Reset Playback Overrides.* Using **Play ► Reset Playback Overrides** to remove playback overrides from a large selection is now considerably faster than in earlier versions.

## Project files

*Creating new projects via the Hub.* The last value entered for **Number of bars** on the **Create New** page of the Hub is now remembered not only during the current Dorico session, but also between sessions.

## Rehearsal marks

*Horizontal alignment.* When **Position of rehearsal mark at start of system** is set to **Left-aligned with systemic barline** on the **Rehearsal Marks** page of Engraving Options, the horizontal position of the rehearsal mark is now adjusted to consider whether the systemic barline appears, so that it is always perfectly aligned with the start of the system.

## Repeat endings

*Creating repeat endings from the selection.* When Dorico uses the extent of the current selection to determine the position and duration of the first segment in a newly-created repeat ending, it now considers items including multi-bar rests.

## Rests

*Rest positioning.* Dorico has always provided the option to align rests within a beat group at the same vertical position, but not rests in different beat groups. This can lead to successive rests within a bar being assigned different vertical positions, and you might prefer them to be assigned the same position.

A new **Align rests in the same voice vertically** option has been added to the **Rest Positioning** section of the **Rests** page of Notation Options. Set this to **When in the same bar** to ensure that all rests in a voice are assigned the same vertical position.

## Scripting

*Script Console.* **Script ► Console** allows you to run Lua commands in an interactive fashion. The console has been given some significant quality of life improvements in this release:

- The **Script ► Hide Console** menu item has been removed; instead, **Script ► Console** is now a toggle, so you can toggle the visibility of the console with a single key command or via the jump bar.
- A new **Always on top** checkbox has been added to the console, allowing you to specify that the console should always float on top of other windows. Dorico will remember the state of this checkbox not only during the current session, but between sessions.
- The size and position of the console is now preserved between sessions.
- You can resize the upper log view and lower command entry panes in the console by dragging the splitter between them. The relative size of these panes is also preserved between sessions.
- A monospaced font, Source Code Pro, is used for the console output.
- When the console opens, the focus is put into the command entry pane by default. The command entry pane now has a distinctive appearance, with a white background and line numbers shown in the left margin, so it is now

much clearer which pane you can type into, and which shows the interpreter's output.

- The command entry pane now accepts multi-line input: simply hit **Return** to add a new line. To execute the script, either click the **Execute** button, or use the shortcut **Ctrl+Return** (Windows) or **Command-Return** (macOS).

*Recording a macro.* When you choose **Script ► End Recording Macro** to complete a macro recording, Dorico now prompts you to specify the name of the script, and automatically presents a file chooser dialog defaulting to the appropriate location in your user application data folder to save the script such that it will appear in the **Script** menu.

*Submenus for scripts.* If you create subfolders inside the **Script Plug-ins** folder in your user application data folder, Dorico uses the names of these subfolders to create submenus in the **Script** menu, making it easier to categorize your script plug-ins. Dorico also loads scripts from the global application data folder, if any are found there.

*Jump bar.* Scripts that appear in the **Script** menu can now be triggered via the jump bar: simply type the beginning of the script name, and it will appear in the list of commands that can be executed. If the script appears in a submenu of the **Script** menu, the submenu name is appended to the name of the script in parentheses.

*Scripts that sequence multiple commands.* In earlier versions, scripts that execute multiple commands in sequence would not always work as expected: for example, a script that attempts to set two different properties in succession on a single selected note would often fail, because Dorico would not notify about each edit before attempting to perform the next one. Dorico now takes a different approach to running scripts, such that each edit can notify, and as a result, scripts now run more reliably. This also means that all the edits performed by a script can now be undone in a single step.

## Setup mode

*Renumber instruments.* A new **Setup ► Renumber Instruments** command has been added, which renumbers the instruments in the project according to the order in which the players are listed in the Players panel in Setup mode.

This is useful if you have, say, four horns in your project, and after having written music for them, you want to change the order of the players: simply dragging the players into a new order in the Players panel won't renumber the instruments, but now you can do this with one click.

*Instrument transpositions.* Dorico now only appends a text description of an instrument's transposition to its name as it appears in the Players panel if the

instrument has variants that define different transpositions; hitherto Dorico has appended the transposition for instruments that have variants of any kind. For example, baritone saxophone provides variants with different clefs for concert and transposed pitch, but the actual transposition of the instrument is the same in all cases. As such, baritone saxophone used to appear in the Players panel as **Baritone Saxophone (E flat)**, which is redundant: now, it appears simply as **Baritone Saxophone**.

Relatedly, this instrument name is also used to create the default name for each part layout. This would result in the boxed text in the top left corner of the first page of each layout showing the transposition in words, for example, “Clarinet (B flat)”. Dorico now automatically uses the appropriate accidental symbol, so the boxed text instead shows, for example, “Clarinet (B $\flat$ )”.

## Staff labels

*Player names as staff labels.* A new option **Show player names** has been added to the **Staves and Systems** page of Layout Options allowing you to specify whether staff labels should use player names rather than instrument names **On all systems** or **On first system only**.

*Leading for editing staff labels.* In simple cases, overrides made to the horizontal alignment and leading of staff labels in the **Edit Instrument Names** dialog are now carried through to the resulting staff labels.

## Staff spacing

*Frame fullness indicator.* The frame fullness indicator now appears in the left page margin rather than in the right margin, to make the difference between the indicators for vertical and horizontal fullness clearer.

## Steinberg Licensing

*Latest version of Steinberg Activation Manager required.* Dorico 5 requires Steinberg Activation Manager version 1.4.30 or later. If you are running an earlier version of SAM, please ensure you update it. The easiest way to update SAM is by running Steinberg Download Assistant.

## Text

*Text frame background and border color.* Two new properties, **Background color** and **Border color**, have been added to the **Text** group in Properties, allowing you to modify the appearance of text frames. To use these properties, activate frame editing in the Engrave mode toolbox, then select the text frame whose border or background color you want to override.



*Select More.* A new special behavior has been added to **Edit ▶ Select More**: if you select a single staff- or system-attached text item and invoke **Select More**, Dorico will select only other text items that use the same paragraph style.

*Change Paragraph Style.* New **Edit ▶ Notations ▶ Text ▶ Change Paragraph Style** dialog, allowing you to change the paragraph style used for selected staff- or system-attached text items. This is handy when used in conjunction with the new ability to use **Select More** to select more text items that use the same paragraph style as the first selected text item.

*Unicode text input.* If you want to input a music symbol in a text item in Dorico, the easiest way is to right-click and choose **Insert Music Text** from the context menu, which opens a dialog showing all the music symbols in SMuFL; any symbol you insert is automatically set to use the **Music text** character style.

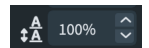
Until now, however, it has been awkward to input other arbitrary Unicode symbols, but Dorico 5 introduces a new way to do this: when editing text, either for a staff- or system-attached text item or in a text frame, type the four-character hexadecimal number that represents the code point of the character you want to insert, then type **Alt+X**. Dorico converts the four characters to the left of the insertion point into the appropriate Unicode character.

For example, the horizontal ellipsis character has the code point U+2026. To insert this in Dorico, type **2026** into the text editor, then type **Alt+X**.

Hexadecimal numbers use the Arabic digits 0–9 and the Roman letters A–F. For one more example, the interpunct or middle dot character has the code point U+00B7. To insert this in Dorico, type **00B7** into the text editor, then type **Alt+X**. You do need to include any leading zeroes so that the code point is always expressed as four characters.

You can also do this in reverse: if the four characters immediately to the left of the insertion point are not recognized as a hexadecimal number, Dorico will instead convert the character immediately to the left of the insertion point into its code point.

*Leading control.* It is now possible to adjust the leading (line spacing) of an individual text item via the text editor popover, using the control shown on the right.



*Tokens for project duration.* New tokens for the total duration of the project have been added, and can be used in text frames:

- **{@projectDuration@}** uses smart quotes, for example 4'33".



- `{@projectDurationStraightQuotes@}` uses straight quotes, for example 4'33".
- `{@projectDurationPrimes@}` uses primes, for example 4'33".

To insert one of these tokens, right-click while editing the text in a text frame, and choose the appropriate entry from the **Project Info** submenu.

*Font families with extended styles on macOS.* One of the troublesome differences between the way Windows and macOS handles font families concerns extended styles beyond the four standard style names (Regular, Bold, Italic, and Bold Italic). Windows only allows these four styles and will automatically synthesize a missing style – so if a font family does not provide, say, a bold weight, Windows will dynamically create one. macOS, by contrast, does not have a fixed idea about the styles that need to exist in a font family.

Take, for example, the Futura family that is included with recent versions of macOS. Although a much wider range of styles is available in alternative cuts of this typeface from Linotype and URW Type Foundry, the version that ships with macOS provides five styles: Medium, Medium Italic, Bold, Condensed Medium and Condensed ExtraBold.

On Windows, each of these weights would appear as a separate font family with the four standard styles: Futura Medium Regular, Futura Medium Bold, Futura Medium Italic, Futura Medium Bold Italic; of these, only Futura Medium Regular is an actual font file on disk; the other three are synthesized by Windows itself. Futura Medium Bold, for example, would not use the actual Futura Bold font file, because as far as Windows is concerned, “Futura” and “Futura Medium” are distinct families.

On macOS, by contrast, styles are never synthesized by the operating system: in most macOS applications you can only choose the styles that are really installed.

This presents some difficulties for cross-platform applications, since beyond the fundamental difference in how extended styles are handled, there are other difficulties, such as font files defining family and style names in multiple ways, and different operating systems and even applications on those operating systems electing to use different information to find and name fonts.

Previous versions of Dorico have had an unhappy compromise in trying to handle these platform differences. On Windows, everything is straightforward: all font families have four standard styles, and beyond that, any further styles appear as distinct families, as the operating system intends. But on macOS, Dorico has shown Windows’s four standard styles in addition to the actual named styles provided by the font family, and relied on the font substitution behavior of the underlying

application framework to choose an appropriate style if one of the standard styles is unavailable.

To return to the example of the Futura font family included with macOS, it was possible in previous versions of Dorico to choose **Futura** as the font family for a font, paragraph or character style and leave the style set to **Regular**, despite this named style not existing. In practice, for text displayed in your project, Futura Medium ends up being used.

However, when that project is subsequently reopened, Dorico will warn that Futura Regular is missing. Because you can see text using Futura in the project, you might consider the warning spurious, but in fact it is correct: Futura Regular is being requested, but it is not available.

To address this, Dorico on macOS now only shows the named styles for a font family that are present on the system. This affects everywhere that font family and style names are shown in the application, including the Font Styles, Paragraph Styles and Character Styles dialogs, and the text editor popover.

When you change the font family to one that does not implement the currently chosen named style, Dorico explicitly chooses the first available named style. If you choose Futura, for example, Dorico will automatically choose the Medium style, rather than making it appear that it has chosen the Regular style.

Furthermore, Dorico now also automatically updates all font and paragraph styles that define the edited style as their parent and which inherit its choice of font family, to ensure that every dependent style also specifies a named style that exists.

This means that when Dorico will not allow you to choose an unavailable style by default, and you will not see any warnings about missing fonts when you reopen the project.

Unfortunately, this does nothing to address the inevitable difficulties that can occur when moving projects that use these kinds of extended font styles between macOS and Windows. It is still necessary to carefully remap the fonts via the Missing Fonts dialog when opening such a project on the other operating system.

## Trills

*Double sharp accidentals.* In previous versions, the size of a double sharp accidental above a trill marking indicating the trill interval was too small to be read comfortably; Dorico now enlarges the accidental to make it clearer.

## User interface

*Follow playhead during playback.* A new **Follow playhead** slide switch has been added to the status bar. By default, when starting a new project, this follows the **Follow**

**playhead during playback** option on the **Play** page of Preferences. You can determine whether Dorico should scroll the score, Key Editor and track overview in Play mode to follow the playhead during playback independently for each project window. This can be useful if you have multiple windows open on the same project, and want one to follow the playhead during playback, and another to remain static unless you explicitly move the view. This setting is preserved between sessions for each window.

If you prefer to toggle this setting via a custom key command, you can assign a shortcut to **Window ► Toggle Follow Playhead** in the **Key Commands** page of Preferences, or invoke this command using the jump bar.

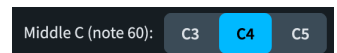
*Layout transposition.* The read-out that shows whether the current layout is shown in **Concert Pitch** or **Transposed Pitch** has been replaced with a pair of toggle buttons, allowing you to change the current transposition directly without using the **Edit** menu.

*View type.* The drop-down menu for choosing between **Page View** and **Galley View** has been replaced with a pair of toggle buttons, saving you a click when changing the view type with the mouse.

*Middle C convention.* Different hardware and software manufacturers use different numbering schemes for octaves, which can lead to confusion when trying to cross-reference between different devices, software applications, and plug-ins.

Dorico by default numbers middle C (MIDI note 60) as C4, following the widely-used International Pitch Notation standard, which is also the standard followed by manufacturers such as Roland for their synthesizer products. However, Steinberg's other host applications, including Cubase, and plug-ins, including HALion, by default number middle C as C3. Yamaha also numbers middle C as C3 in their synthesizer products. A third scheme, less widely used but popularized by Cakewalk's products, numbers middle C as C5, so that MIDI note 0 is numbered as C0, rather than as either C-1 (when middle C is numbered as C4) or C-2 (when middle C is numbered as C3).

Dorico now allows you to choose how you want middle C to be numbered throughout the application. To change this setting, open the Preferences dialog, and on the **General** page, set **Middle C (note 60)** to **C3**, **C4**, or **C5**, as you prefer.



This setting affects octave numbering throughout the application, including: the piano roll in the Key Editor; the Keyboard panel; the selected note read-out in the status bar; MIDI trigger regions; the **String** property in the Properties panel; the **Edit**

**Strings and Tuning, Transpose, Filter Notes by Pitch and Write ► Transform** dialogs; and everywhere where you can specify a pitch using a spin box.

One place in the application that has an independent representation of middle C is **Library ► Expression Maps**: this allows you to match the numbering scheme used in the documentation of a third-party plug-in or sample library manufacturer without changing the representation of middle C everywhere else in Dorico.

*Instrument transpositions.* Instruments that use a different clef depending on whether the layout uses concert or transposed pitch are now described in the instrument picker in Setup mode in these terms, instead of misleadingly being described as using one clef in full score layouts and another in part layouts.

*Tool tips.* All buttons in the project window now once again show tool tips if appropriate.

*Missing fonts.* When Dorico shows the **Missing Fonts** dialog during project opening to report that text items, font styles, paragraph styles and character styles in the project use fonts that are not installed on the system, the dialog now additionally shows the name of each style that specifies the missing font.

*Transpose dialog.* When returning to the **Transpose** dialog during the same editing session, Dorico now remembers the last chosen value for **Apply atonal spelling options**.

*Audio export dialog.* When returning to the **Export Audio** dialog, Dorico now remembers the last chosen audio format and (if applicable) bit depth.

*Localization.* When running Dorico in Spanish, Portuguese, and Chinese, some default translations (for example, for buttons like **OK**, **Cancel**, **Apply**, **Close**, etc. in dialogs) were missing; these default translations are all now included.

*Background colors.* It is now possible to define gradients with any number of stops in the **gradients.xml** file in the user-level application data folder. Dorico will display these gradients as intended in the music area background, though gradients with more than four stops, or where the distribution of the stops is irregular, will not appear as intended in the **Colors** page of Preferences.

*Device Setup.* If Dorico detects that the current audio device is only presenting a single output, rather than a stereo pair, a warning now appears in **Edit ► Device Setup**, together with a link you can follow to a knowledge base article with instructions for reconfiguring your audio settings in Windows to solve the problem.

*Default plug-in output slider.* The **Default output level** slider on the **Play** page of Preferences now shows the effective gain level of the current slider value.

*Missing playback components.* During start-up, Dorico checks whether the recommended VST instruments and sound content are correctly installed. If it determines that any component or content is missing, the message it shows now tells you the exact name of the download choice you need to download and install via Steinberg Download Assistant.

If you prefer not to use the instruments and content included with Dorico and don't want to install them, you can activate the **Don't say this again** checkbox in the prompt to suppress the warning in future. However, certain components are installed by the main Dorico application installer itself, and their absence could indicate a wider installation issue, so this message cannot be suppressed: to prevent this message from appearing in future, please reinstall Dorico via its application installer to repair your installation.

*Automatic crash report collection.* In the unlikely event that Dorico crashes, the next time you start the application, you will be shown a prompt to send the crash report to Steinberg. Crash reports do not contain personally identifiable information and crash logs are automatically renamed when they are uploaded to our servers so that even the original filenames are changed.

If you prefer, you can completely opt out of automatic crash report collection, and in any case Dorico will never send crash reports to Steinberg without first prompting you: every time it finds a crash report, it will show you a prompt and ask if you want to send the log to Steinberg.

If you choose to opt out and later want to opt back in, activate **Show prompt to send crash reports to Steinberg** on the **General** page of Preferences.

We encourage you to send crash logs to Steinberg. They allow us to find and fix problems in our applications and deliver improved software quality to you and all Dorico users.

*Guided tour in multi-user environments.* Dorico will now read the **finishedTours.xml** file that records the completion state of the guided tour in each of the project window's modes from the global user data folder, if not found in the user's own data folder. This is useful in multi-user environments such as schools, colleges, and universities.

## Improvements in Dorico Elements

The capabilities of Dorico Elements have been expanded, as follows:

- Projects can now have an unlimited number of players (previously limited to 24 players).
- **Play ► Playback Options** is now included.

- **Font Styles**, **Paragraph Styles** and **Character Styles** are all now included in the **Library** menu.
- Note spacing and staff spacing tools are now included in Engrave mode.

Dorico Elements also gains all the new features added in Dorico 5, except for the new **Library ► Instruments** dialog.

The above new capabilities are also available in Dorico for iPad, with an active monthly or annual subscription, or if the Lifetime Unlock in-app purchase has been purchased. Dorico for iPad with an active subscription or Lifetime Unlock also gains support for playback through an external MIDI device.

## Improvements in Dorico SE

Dorico SE's capabilities have also been expanded, and you can now work on projects with up to eight players. (As before, projects with more than eight players will open read-only, allowing playback and printing.)

Dorico SE also gains many of the new features added in Dorico 5, except for **Library ► Instruments**, stage and space templates, scrub playback, MIDI trigger regions, and Groove Agent SE.

Dorico for iPad is similarly expanded, with the free version also now able to work on projects with up to eight players (12 after you sign in with your Steinberg ID).

## Issues resolved

Component	Issue
<i>Accidentals</i>	Under some circumstances, changing the accidental of a note would not cause the accidentals on notes within the same bar to be recalculated right away as required; this has now been fixed.
<i>Articulations</i>	Articulations that consist of multiple symbols would draw incorrectly when positioned on the stem side of the note; this has now been fixed.
<i>Bar numbers</i>	Under some circumstances, bar numbers would not update correctly when undoing changes to local time signatures; this has now been fixed.
<i>Brackets and braces</i>	Dorico will no longer allow a secondary bracket to join adjacent players with identical instruments that are in different player groups.
<i>Chord diagrams</i>	When changing the tuning used for chord diagrams shown for a player, Dorico no longer unnecessarily resets the choice of shape back to the default one for that tuning.
<i>Chord diagrams</i>	Chord diagrams that are created via <b>Generate Chord Symbols from Selection</b> will now show fingerings if enabled via Layout Options.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	When changing the capo transposition for chord symbols, Dorico now automatically resets the appearance of any chord symbols that have been overridden; this prevents overridden chord symbols from continuing to draw using the root of the original capo transposition.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Under some circumstances, it was possible for saved chord symbol appearances in <b>Library ► Chord Symbols</b> to have a mismatch between their saved transposition and the displayed chord symbol, resulting in chord symbols showing the wrong root in the score; this has now been fixed.
<i>Chord symbols</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could crash when using <b>Edit ► Reset Appearance</b> in a layout showing both chord symbols and chord diagrams; this has now been fixed.
<i>Clefs</i>	When <b>Clef at start of systems following first system</b> on the <b>Clefs</b> page of Notation Options is set to <b>Hide clefs</b> , Dorico now only hides the clef if the system contains a single instrument, and if that single instrument shows only a single staff.
<i>Comments</i>	It is no longer sometimes possible for Dorico to get caught in a loop of selecting and reselecting the same two comments in the Comments panel when navigating quickly through the list of comments with the arrow keys.
<i>Dynamics</i>	In rare circumstances, grouping dynamics, then undoing, then re-grouping the same dynamics would fail; this has now been fixed.
<i>Dynamics</i>	Deleting individual dynamics from different groups of dynamics now works correctly, instead of only deleting the selected dynamics from the first group.



Component	Issue
<i>Grace notes</i>	Under rare circumstances, grace notes could unexpectedly not appear at the start of a system where an explicit system break is present; this has now been fixed.
<i>Guitar notation</i>	When the <b>Pre-bend interval</b> property is set to a negative value, the automatic allocation of notes to strings and the <b>String</b> property could behave incorrectly, causing some valid pitches to display incorrectly as ?; this has now been fixed.
<i>Holds and pauses</i>	When a fermata appears both above and below a rest, the fermata below may have been incorrectly positioned if the single drawn rest represents multiple voices; this is now fixed.
<i>Jump bar</i>	It is now possible to redefine the shortcuts used to switch between <b>Commands</b> and <b>Go To</b> modes in the jump bar.
<i>Keyboard panel</i>	When dragging the range selector above the main keyboard to either extreme of the range, when the mouse pointer leaves the range selector during the drag, it was possible for the drag to be unexpectedly re-interpreted as changing the displayed range; this has now been fixed.
<i>Key Editor</i>	Dorico could crash when updating the Key Editor when selecting something in the music area resulted not only in the piano roll being replaced by the percussion editor but also switching to a different flow; this has now been fixed.
<i>Library Manager</i>	Under some circumstances, opening a new project or project window with the Library Manager visible could cause the Library Manager window to become blank until you start interacting with it again; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lines</i>	Lines drawn with repeatable symbols now print in the correct color if their color has been overridden via the <b>Color</b> property.
<i>Lines</i>	The <b>Start position</b> and <b>End position</b> properties now once again appear correctly in the Properties panel for rhythmic position-attached lines shown within the staff.
<i>Localization</i>	After changing the user interface language via Preferences, all key commands now work as expected, according to the appropriate keyboard language for the newly-chosen language.
<i>Localization</i>	Toggle buttons in some dialogs were not correctly translated into the appropriate language when running Dorico in a language other than English; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	When multi-pasting music containing lyrics to several instruments, lyrics could be incorrectly linked across multiple staves; this has now been fixed.
<i>Lyrics</i>	Lyrics with formatting changes within them are no longer sometimes incorrectly positioned as if they had hanging punctuation.
<i>Music fonts</i>	If a music font specifies a particular text font in its metadata file, Dorico now correctly applies the chosen text font to the default font and paragraph styles.



Component	Issue
<i>MusicXML export</i>	Dorico no longer sometimes incorrectly exports notes that are not visible in the layout (for example, because they are covered by a rhythmic slash region) without specifying their pitch, which is invalid MusicXML; instead, such notes are simply omitted.
<i>Note input</i>	When determining which endpoint to use for echoing notes played on the MIDI keyboard, Dorico now considers independent voice playback, and chooses the most appropriate endpoint based on the selection, rather than simply always choosing the first endpoint for the instrument.
<i>Note input</i>	It is no longer possible to delete all the material in a flow in Insert mode such that the flow ends up with zero duration.
<i>Note input</i>	Input via MIDI keyboard into a percussion kit or an individual unpitched percussion instrument that has been imported from a library file now works reliably; in previous versions, Dorico could fail to choose the expected playing technique.
<i>Note input</i>	Under certain circumstances, removing material via Insert mode or the <b>Shift+B</b> popover could fail to remove tuplets correctly, for example when the notes in the tuplet to be removed are slurred to notes outside the tuplet; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	It is no longer possible to add a rhythm dot to a selected implicit bar rest.
<i>Note input</i>	Under some circumstances in transposed layouts, Dorico could add intervals with the wrong note spelling when using the <b>Shift+I</b> popover; this has now been fixed.
<i>Note input</i>	Under some circumstances, attempting to navigate from the first or last rest in a voice in a percussion kit could cause a crash; this has now been fixed.
<i>Play mode</i>	It is once again possible to duplicate the VST instrument selected in the <b>VST and MIDI</b> panel in Play mode with a key command or via the jump bar.
<i>Playback</i>	The value of <b>Increase written dynamic of other beats in the bar</b> on the <b>Dynamics</b> page of Playback Options is no longer <i>subtracted</i> from off-beat notes.
<i>Playback</i>	When applying the <b>Min./Max. velocity</b> values specified in expression map switches, Dorico now correctly considers any defined note length conditions.
<i>Playback</i>	If you have an immediate dynamic and a gradual dynamic at the same rhythmic position and they are not in the same group, the immediate dynamic will now be processed for playback before the gradual dynamic, so the dynamic change will be as expected.
<i>Playback</i>	When editing linked slurs or dynamics that are linked to instruments not shown in the current layout, when you subsequently play back, those instruments not present in the layout no longer unexpectedly play back.

Component	Issue
<i>Playback</i>	A <i>messa di voce</i> hairpin of the form <i>diminuendo-crescendo</i> no longer plays back in the opposite direction.
<i>Print mode</i>	When toggling between <b>Mono</b> and <b>Color</b> , the <b>Watermark</b> checkbox is now always correctly enabled or disabled as appropriate.
<i>Project files</i>	When starting a project from a user project template, if a new flow needs to be created, it is now created before playback is set up, thus ensuring that playback will always work as expected right away.
<i>Project files</i>	When starting a new project via the Hub, the <b>Project will use multiple flows</b> setting will now apply not only to the part layouts that are created when the project is first created, but to all future part layouts subsequently created in the project.
<i>Project files</i>	Under rare circumstances, Dorico could hang during project saving; this has now been fixed (macOS only).
<i>Project files</i>	When exporting flows from a project, Dorico no longer includes a thumbnail preview; previously, this preview could be for a flow or layout that was not included in the exported material, which could be confusing.
<i>Project files</i>	When saving a project as a template, Dorico now removes all MIDI CC and automation data in any preserved flows.
<i>Project files</i>	Under rare circumstances, an unpitched instrument in a percussion kit could be unexpectedly silent during playback; this has now been fixed.
<i>Script plug-ins</i>	The Lua interpreter on Windows requires filenames for loaded scripts to be encoded using the appropriate code page for the operating system's current region and language settings; Dorico now correctly encodes script filenames in the right code page, but this means that scripts with names that use characters outside the current code page will not load correctly. You are advised to stick to characters in the Latin-1 code page if possible (Windows only).
<i>Slurs</i>	When multi-pasting material including slurs to a different bar, Dorico no longer incorrectly links the newly pasted slurs at the new position to the original slur at its position.
<i>Staff labels</i>	Instruments that use player names as their staff label are no longer allowed to be grouped.
<i>Tempo</i>	When Dorico is set to show metronome marks to a specific level of precision, it could incorrectly display floating point values with leading zeroes: for example, <b>152.09</b> would display as <b>152.9</b> ; this has now been fixed.
<i>Tempo</i>	Under very rare circumstances, setting a sufficiently slow final tempo for a gradual tempo change could cause Dorico to crash; this has now been fixed.

Component	Issue
<i>Tempo</i>	Under certain circumstances, a gradual tempo that coincides with a time signature was no longer correctly aligned with the time signature in the presence of another tempo marking at its end; this has now been fixed.
<i>Tempo</i>	The abbreviation for <i>circa</i> in metronome marks has been changed to <i>ca</i> instead of <i>ca.</i> , i.e. the period (full stop) indicating the abbreviation has been removed.
<i>Ties</i>	Edits to the endpoints and curvature of a segment of a tie at the start of the system where the tied is between independent notes (for example, in different voices, or non-rhythmically contiguous notes) now correctly update the display immediately.
<i>Tonality systems</i>	Under certain circumstances, custom tonality systems in projects created in Dorico 3.5 or earlier could be overwritten with a different tonality system in the user library that happens to have the same internal identifier, causing unexpected effects when opening that project in the latest version; this has now been fixed.
<i>Tuplets</i>	Attempting to create a triplet where either side of the ratio is zero no longer causes Dorico to crash.
<i>User interface</i>	The preview in <b>Library ▶ Paragraph Styles</b> now correctly displays foreground and background colors, if specified.
<i>User interface</i>	After saving a custom ensemble in the ensemble builder, if you switch to the <b>Choose</b> page without first closing the ensemble builder, the new custom ensemble now correctly appears there right away.
<i>User interface</i>	The ensemble builder popover now disappears when the application window is deactivated, such that it now behaves the same as the instrument popover.
<i>User interface</i>	The alignment of noteheads and flags to stems when using a standard resolution (i.e. non-Retina) display has been improved (macOS only).
<i>User interface</i>	When closing a project that was previously displayed full screen, an empty Space is no longer left behind (macOS only).
<i>User interface</i>	When opening a new window for an existing project, the Mixer button on the toolbar is now correctly enabled if appropriate.
<i>User interface</i>	If you specify a bar number that cannot be found in <b>Edit ▶ Go To</b> , Dorico will now navigate to the first system in the relevant flow, rather than doing nothing.
<i>User interface</i>	Key commands shown in the hands-on tutorials accessed via the <b>Learn</b> page of the Hub now show the appropriate shortcut modifier keys for macOS and Windows as appropriate.

Component	Issue
<i>User interface</i>	It is no longer possible to incorrectly specify negative durations for grace notes and tremolos on the <b>Timing</b> page of Playback Options.
<i>User interface</i>	The long-lamented disclosure arrow in the tree control in the <b>Key Commands</b> page of Preferences has returned home after a heart-wrenching absence of nearly 18 months.
<i>User interface</i>	If a popover is visible when the application loses focus, when the application regains focus, the popover itself regains focus, allowing you to continue typing into it without clicking in it again.
<i>User interface</i>	The bars in the system track would often not highlight when hovered over with the mouse; this has now been fixed.
<i>User interface</i>	When one of the right-hand panels is shown, it is now correctly updated to match the current selection state.
<i>User interface</i>	The single step size for the spin box paddles in the Zoom dialog is now 1%.
<i>User interface</i>	The <b>Follow selection changes on undo and redo</b> option on the <b>Note Input and Editing</b> page of Preferences now works as expected once more.
<i>User interface</i>	Longer instrument names are now elided in the track header in Play mode if necessary.
<i>User interface</i>	The layout selector in the toolbar is now correctly disabled both in Print mode and when editing page templates and flow headings in Engrave mode.
<i>Video</i>	Under some circumstances, Dorico could fail to connect the appropriate channel for the video soundtrack so that it can be heard and balanced via the Mixer when reopening an existing project; this has now been fixed.
<i>Video</i>	When playing back video during real-time recording, the video would jump forwards by 20 seconds compared to normal playback; this has now been fixed.

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