

Basic Shortcuts in Sibelius 3

(Mac shortcuts in italics)

Esc	Stops Sibelius doing anything, and puts it to sleep!
Single click	Select something (note, measure, text etc)
Double click on a staff	Selects the whole line of music
Triple click on a staff	Selects a staff for the whole score
Enter (return key)	Respells enharmonically (if a note is selected), edits text (if text is selected), or forces a system break (if a barline is selected)

A	the note A (Shift + A to add an A to an existing selected note)
B	the note B (Shift + B to add a B to an existing selected note)
C	the note C (Shift + C to add a C to an existing selected note)
D	the note D (Shift + D to add a D to an existing selected note)
E	the note E (Shift + E to add an E to an existing selected note)
F	the note F (Shift + F to add an F to an existing selected note)
G	the note G (Shift + G to add a G to an existing selected note)
H	Crescendo (Shift + H for a decrescendo). Use spacebar to extend them
I	Instruments menu – add instruments to your score
K	Key signatures – add a key signature to your score
L	Lines menu (includes trills, first/second time bars, rits, accels)
M	Mixer (hit M again to close Mixer) – adjust volume levels and sounds
N	Begin note entry (activates the cursor)
P	Play your score (Esc or the 0 key to stop)
Q	Clefs – change clefs of existing staves, or insert clef changes
R	Repeat something selected (single notes or passages/pages of notes)
S	Slurs – use spacebar to extend them (Shift + spacebar if you go too far)
T	Time signature – add a time signature to your score
X	Flip a selected note or slur
Z	Symbols menu (includes pictures of lots of things)

2 on keypad	sixteenth note
3 on keypad	eighth note
4 on keypad	quarter note
5 on keypad	half note
6 on keypad	whole note
7 on keypad	adds a natural to a selected note
8 on keypad	adds a sharp to a selected note
9 on keypad	adds a flat to a selected note

3 on computer keyboard	Add third above selected note
4 on computer keyboard	Add fourth above selected note
5 on computer keyboard	Add fifth above selected note
6 on computer keyboard	Add sixth above selected note
7 on computer keyboard	Add seventh above selected note
8 on computer keyboard	Add octave above selected note
Shift +3 on computer keyboard	Add third below selected note
Shift +4 on computer keyboard	Add fourth below selected note
Shift +5 on computer keyboard	Add fifth below selected note
Shift +6 on computer keyboard	Add sixth below selected note
Shift +7 on computer keyboard	Add seventh below selected note
Shift +8 on computer keyboard	Add octave below selected note

Alt (Option) + click	pastes whatever is selected (or click both sides of mouse)
Alt (Option) + 2,3,4 (computer keyboard)	changes voice of note to 2,3 or 4
Ctrl + Shift + Alt (⌘ + Shift + Option) 1, 2, 3 or 4	select voice 1,2, 3 or 4

Ctrl + A (S + A)	Select all
Ctrl + B (S + B)	Add blank measure to the end of score
Ctrl + C (S + C)	Copy to clipboard
Ctrl + D (S + D)	Document setup
Ctrl + E (S + E)	Add a dynamic to a selected note (right click or Ctrl + Click for sub-menu)
Ctrl + K (S + K)	Add chord symbol above a selected note (there's a plug-in to do this also)
Ctrl + L (S + L)	Add lyrics to a selected note (right click or Ctrl + Click for sub-menu)
Ctrl + N (S + N)	New score
Ctrl + O (S + O)	Open an existing score
Ctrl + P (S + P)	Print
Ctrl + Q (S + Q)	Quit Sibelius
Ctrl + R (S + R)	Add rehearsal mark above selected note/measure
Ctrl + S (S + S)	Save
Ctrl + T (S + T)	Add text to a selected note (right click or Ctrl Click for sub-menu)
Ctrl + U (S + U)	Turn off menus at top of screen (full screen mode)
Ctrl + W (S + W)	Close your score
Ctrl + Y (S + Y)	Redo last action (if you've undone it)
Ctrl + Z (S + Z)	Undo last action (hit multiple times to undo lots!)

Ctrl + Alt (S + Option) + G	go to a specific bar in your score
Ctrl + Alt (S + Option) + P	open or close the properties box
Ctrl + Alt (S + Option) + T	add a tempo mark (right click or Ctrl Click for sub-menu)
Ctrl (S) + Shift + A	select whole line of lyrics (if one word is already selected)
Ctrl (S) + Shift + B	add a measure after what is currently selected
Ctrl (S) + Shift + F	record (Esc to stop)
Ctrl (S) + Shift + G	go to a specific page of your score
Ctrl (S) + Shift + H	Hide whatever is selected
Ctrl (S) + Shift + N	Reset note spacing for selected notes or score
Ctrl (S) + Shift + O	recording Options
Ctrl (S) + Shift + T	turn score into transposing score (or vice versa)
Ctrl (S) + Shift + X	Extract parts
Ctrl (S) and "+" key	make score get bigger
Ctrl (S) and "-" key	make score get smaller

Shift + K	chord diagram (guitar frame)
↑ (Up arrow key)	moves a selected note up in pitch (or moves text)
↓ (Down arrow key)	moves a selected note down in pitch (or moves text)
Ctrl (S) + ↑	moves selected note(s) up an octave
Ctrl (S) + ↓	moves selected note(s) down an octave
← (Left arrow key)	moves to previous note if note is selected (or moves text)
→ (Right arrow key)	moves to next note if note is selected (or moves text)

Tab key	select the first measure rest in a score
Home/End keys	takes you back/forward a page
Page up/Page down keys	takes you up/down the page

To transpose music	Ctrl (S) + A (select score), then Shift + T (transpose)
To arrange music	Ctrl (S) + A (select score), then Ctrl (S) + C (copy score), then Ctrl (S) + N (start new score), then Ctrl (S) + click on first measure of new score, then Ctrl (S) + Shift V (activate the arrange feature)

Shift + Alt (Option) + →	make a selected note or measure get wider
Shift + Alt (Option) + ←	make a selected note or measure get narrower
Shift + Alt (Option) + ↑	move an individual staff up
Shift + Alt (Option) + ↓	move an individual staff down
Ctrl + Alt (X + Option) + ↓	moves staff and rest of score down

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