

Notation Software to transfer ownership, expand worldwide support

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Today Notation Software, Inc. (www.notation.com), a corporation developing and distributing leading music notation software, announces a transition of its business to new ownership based in Europe. The new leadership will allow Notation Software to further support its worldwide customer community and to enhance its product line with new language features and international support.

In August 2013 ownership and operations will be assumed by Notation Software Germany, a corporation based in Utting am Ammersee, Germany. The CEO and President, Dr. Reinhold Hoffmann is a long time user of Notation Software's products and will continue the uninterrupted support of the company's worldwide customer community. Dr. Hoffmann brings over 30 years of experience in the software industry, predominantly in international telecommunications. He studied mathematics and has a doctorate degree in Physics from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. “

“Notation Musician and Notation Composer are the best notation products dedicated to the market segment of everyday musicians. These products have helped me a lot as a musician, and I am pleased to continue to serve the Notation Software customer community as I have been served by Notation Software for many years,” said Dr. Hoffmann.

“We are extremely pleased that our product lines will continue to develop. Our software is used by customers all over the world, who will continue to receive excellent support in the United States and beyond,” said Greg McLawsen, President of Notation Software, Inc. The decision to transfer ownership was taken after the passing of Mark Walsen, a visionary and pioneer in music notation software, who founded Notation Software in 1994. The company was the first to create notation sheets from MIDI files, and launched its first notation products in the mid-1990s. Since then Notation Software has successfully served the needs of “everyday musicians” all over the world with the best software tools at affordable prices.

The agreement transferring ownership was signed in August 2012 and a smooth handover is planned for August 2013. Since August 2012 Notation Software Germany has been actively working on development of new features for the Notation Software product line.

Questions & Answers:

Q: Why will there be a new ownership of Notation Software?

A: The founder of Notation Software, Inc. and pioneer in music software Mr. Mark Walsen passed away two years ago. In order to continue supporting the community of everyday musicians as well as provide future enhancements to the product lines, the current owners of the company decided to execute a transition. In a selection process it was decided to accept the offer of one of Notation Software's clients. The presented concept for the company - especially serving more international markets, bringing in the required expertise in software while still maintaining the existing musician community - was convincing and led to this decision.

Q: Why will Notation Software reside in Germany?

A: Germany is a central location in Europe. The new owner, Dr. Reinhold Hoffmann, lives in Germany. 50% of today's Notation Software' customers are outside of the US. In the future the two hubs, US and Germany, will best serve clients around the world.

Q: What happens to the excellent support in the US?

A: No change. The current service will continue.

Q: Will Sherry Crann continue to support the customers?

A: Yes, no change. Sherry Crann will continue to support the customer community with her long time experience and expertise.

Q: What changes will happen in general to the products Musician and Composer?

A: Notation Musician and Notation Composer are real gems regarding features, ease of use, functionality and value for everyday musicians. Only higher priced products from the competition are equivalent, but those products are far too expensive and complex for everyday musicians. Therefore the Notation line of products will be further developed and enhanced with new features and made available to more musicians in the world by supporting multiple languages.

Q: Because the transitioned company resides in Germany, will there be a German version of Musician and Composer?

A: Yes, of course.

Q: Will there be further languages available for the both products?

A: Yes. The first next language will be German

Q: What about current customers?

A: It is priority number one to support the current customer community in the same way as we have in the past. In addition, all customers will benefit from broadening the scope of the Notation Software business towards better quality, new features, new technologies and more everyday musicians around the world.

Q: What are the values which Dr. Reinhold Hoffmann will bring to the business?

A: Dr. Reinhold Hoffmann is an everyday musician himself and a customer of Notation Software for 10 years. He loves the products just as many others do. He has a 30 year background in the software industry, and worked for many years in Germany and the USA. He has access to a wide network of people in the software industry, from which Notation Software will benefit.

Q: Is there more information available on the new CEO Dr. Reinhold Hoffmann?

A: Yes, please see Reinhold Hoffmann's other business activities at www.reinhold-hoffmann.com

For his activities as a musician please see the website of his band 'Waterwave'
www.waterwave.eu

Q: What will the current President Greg McLawsen do in the future?

A: Greg McLawsen is an attorney in Tacoma, Washington and will focus on his immigration law practice. Please see www.pugetsoundlegal.net