Music Braille Wheel Use and Resource Guide

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The music braille wheel was created to help students, TVIs, families, and music teachers quickly reference the dot formations of music braille notes. The wheel has the musical notes; C-D-E-F-G-A-B and rests,

with the print symbol, and simulated braille formation. A reference guide is included that shows the specific braille dot numbers for each note and their corresponding solfege. When looking for a specific braille music symbol, rotate the inner circle to show the music braille symbols for each note and value.



- This wheel can be given to the braille learner's music teacher so that they can follow along as the student is reading their braille music. By using the same terminology, this helps solidify concepts and allows for the student and teacher to learn together.
- The wheel can also be used as a reference for a braille reader to look up a music braille note or rest that they forgot.
- Encourage peers, teachers, and families to use the correct music braille terminology by stating the dots of the basic note first, followed by the dots in the bottom of the cell, which indicate the rhythm value for that note.
 - For example, C eighth note would be read as, dots 1-4-5; C half note would be read as, dots 1-4-5-6; C whole note would be read 1-4-5-3-6 and so on.

Remember to refer to each note by its note name or dot numbers. DO NOT REFER TO ITS LITERARY EQUIVALENT!!! Calling a note by its literary name will make it more difficult to learn and read the notes quickly.

Music Braille Resources

Music Education Network for The Visually Impaired

Music Education Network for The Visually Impaired (MENVI) is an information network composed of musicians, specialists, students, parents, and music educators of visually impaired students. <u>menvi.org</u>

National Resource Center for Blind Musicians

The resource center provides information and referral services for visually impaired students of all ages, their parents and teachers. <u>blindmusicstudent.org</u>

National Library Service

The NLS music collection, authorized by Congress in 1962, includes braille and large-print musical scores, recorded instructional materials, and recorded materials about music and musicians. loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/music-materials

Louis Database

The Louis Database contains information on over 200,000 titles in accessible formats.

louis.aph.org/catalog/CategoryInfo.aspx?cid=152

RNIB Library

The RNIB Library is the largest of its kind in the UK, and it's completely free, with over 60,000 items in the collection. <u>rniblibrary.com/iguana/www.main.cls?surl=a1</u>

Music Talk Mailing List for Blind Musicians

MUSIC TALK is the e-mail list for Blind Musicians and others interested in music.

nfbnet.org/mailman/listinfo/musictlk_nfbnet.org

Additional APH Music Braille Products

Feel the Beat (5-41100-00)



Music Braille Flash Cards (5-36500-00)



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