

MUSIC ISN'T FOR EYES.

Accessible sheet music in braille.



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Everyone should be able to enjoy music

Millions of people all over the world enjoy famous artists like Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Nobuyuki Tsujii, as well as Beethoven and Bach.

Music touches: it surprises and amazes. It can help recall emotions and memories, and it connects to others. At Dedicon, we believe everyone should be able to enjoy music. Sheet music in braille enables blind musicians to literally feel the music.

For years, Dedicon produces sheet music in braille for professional and amateur musicians and music academies in Holland. We convert existing sheet music, whatever the genre, into amazing braille music scores. Dedicon is specialised in producing works of music of the highest quality. As of now we can produce it also for you and for the people your organisation is working for.





From beginners to advanced

Dedicon produces a wide spectrum of musical works in braille. We are able to offer a solution for all types of musicians: from beginners to advanced, including students at conservatorium level. From simple Christmas carols to Chopin, but also works from Avicii or Eminem, whether it's film music, a psalm or jazz, we can produce it, also for you, in braille.

Anyone wanting to study music or is looking for a career as a professional musician needs to be able to read music. Dedicon makes this possible for blind musicians as well. Read the story of Bert van den Brink, a Dutch musician, primarily a jazz-pianist with a classical 'cum laude masters degree.

TOUGH NUTS TO CRACK.



**Dedicon experts
make music
accessible.**

Producing sheet music in braille is an art in itself and there are very few people who possess the required skills. As you will know, separate code has been developed for music in braille, which is different to regular braille. In our braille sheet music, the music is set linearly.

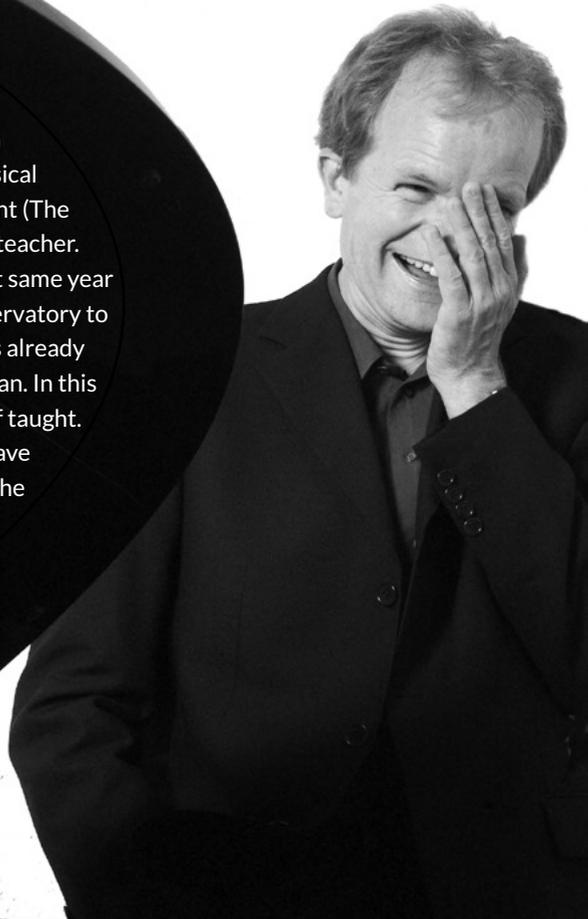


Dedicon offers the braille sheet music service to everyone. Our experts have a vast knowledge of sheet music, braille and conversion tools. They are involved during the entire process, from supplying the source material to delivering the braille sheet music. This means we are able to guarantee the highest quality of all our braille sheet music.

Dedicon converts existing sheet music to braille. Our experts assess the quality of the material provided. Sometimes, the scanned document or handwritten score is illegible. Our experts check the source material note by note and correct it where necessary.

Bert van den Brink: Ambassador for braille sheet music

Bert van den Brink was born on the 24th. of July 1958. When he was five years old he got his first piano lesson. In 1976 Bert started his professional classical education at the conservatory of Utrecht (The Netherlands) Herman Uhlhorn was his teacher. In 1982 he graduated cum laude. In that same year he was employed at the Utrechts' conservatory to teach jazz piano. From childhood he has already been improvising a lot on piano and organ. In this field of the music Bert is completely self taught. In the first period after graduation he gave several classical recitals, but gradually the balance changed more to jazz. In 2007 Bert van den Brink got the VPRO/BOY EDGAR-AWARD.



Bert van den Brink is a successful Dutch blind musician and ambassador for braille sheet music. He knows the importance of being able to read and analyse music yourself. Bert has been a jazz & pop piano teacher at the Utrecht Conservatory of Music as for many years. "Teaching is about transferring knowledge, whereby the most important aspect is that the student and lecturer continuously understand and follow one another," Bert explains. "This creates an inspiring interaction that results in us learning from one another."

Braille sheet music is sometimes regarded as being difficult and this is definitely the case at a higher level. However, most people don't realise that a basic knowledge of braille sheet music can actually get you quite a long way. Bert: "Reading basic notes in braille isn't difficult, and it opens up a whole new world to musicians. And, fortunately, there are also possibilities for budding musicians who want more.

Braille sheet music can be learned by anyone and at any level, although it does require a number of skills. Braille sheet music is read linearly. Bert: "You need to be excellent at reading braille and have an ability to think analytically. And, because you can't play from a sheet, excellent memory and patience are also very important."

Hearing is the most important source when playing, and also helps students learn music. "An audiobook is a good comparison," says Bert. "Listening is fast and comfortable, but reading adds more depth and detail. This is the same with music."

One of Bert's ambitions is to collaborate with libraries, music conservatories and other organisations, to combine efforts in braille music notation. "By working together and sharing knowledge, we can support budding musicians better," he explains. "Producing and teaching braille sheet music is a skill that very few people in the world have. And working together will ensure we preserve this expertise."



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Beyond conventional conversion services: from handwritten score to braille sheet music

For the production of braille sheet music, the quality of the source material is crucial. Following the assessment of the quality of the source material, our experts use their skill and experience to prepare a quotation per page. So you know the cost of producing your braille sheet music in advance.

Dedicon has spent the past few years specialising in processing various types of source material. We are able to go further than conventional conversion services; we can read, scan and convert source material others are unable to handle. Dedicon creates braille sheet music from all sorts of source material. We can even produce high-quality sheet music in braille from handwritten scores.

Good-quality source material is almost automatically converted and goes through the production process faster. Handwritten source material or low-quality scans are manually converted to braille sheet music. If necessary, we will contact the customer to discuss the music before we proceed.

All braille sheet music is checked note by note before delivery.

GOOD VERSUS...

Handwritten scores

When a scanned document of handwritten score is illegible, our experts check the source material note by note and correct it where necessary. After quality control and improvement the scores will be converted into braille.

When a scanned document is perfect for automatic conversion, the scores will be automatically converted into braille after a quality control.



PREMIUM QUALITY SOURCE.

Sonata No. 14 "Moonlight" 1st Movement

L. VAN BEETHOVEN
Op. 27, No. 2

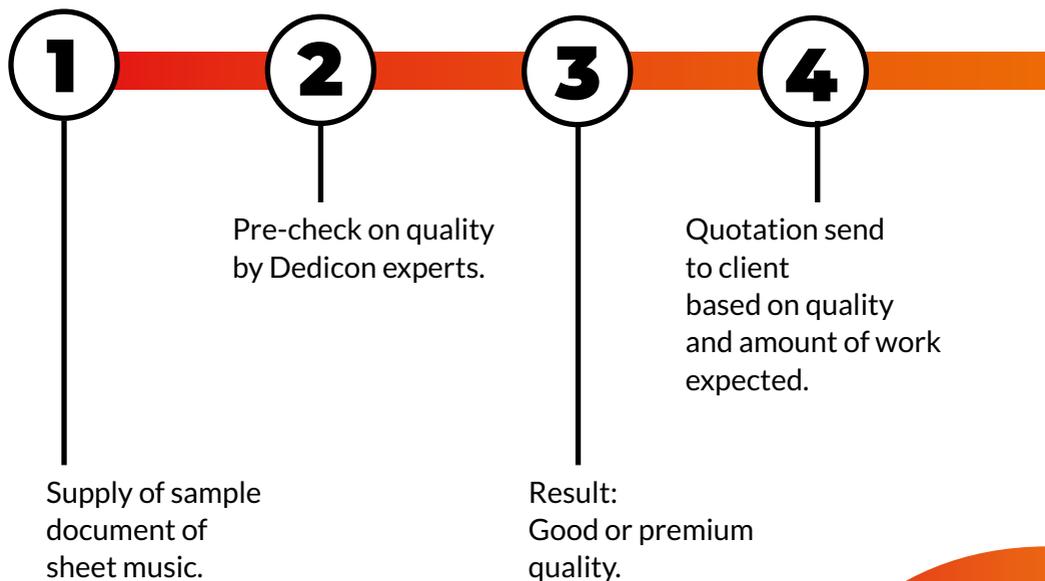
ADAGIO SOSTENUTO

sempre pp e senza sordino

pp

The image shows a hand holding a page of a musical score for the first movement of Beethoven's Sonata No. 14, 'Moonlight'. The score is written for piano and consists of four systems of staves. Each system has a treble and bass clef staff. The music is in a slow, sustained tempo (Adagio Sostenuto) and is marked 'sempre pp e senza sordino' (always pianissimo and without sostenuto). The first system includes the tempo marking 'ADAGIO SOSTENUTO' and the performance instruction 'sempre pp e senza sordino'. The second system includes the dynamic marking 'pp'. The score is numbered '1' in the top right corner. The page is held by a hand from the top right, and the background is white with a vertical orange bar on the right edge.

ROAD TO MUSIC IN BRAILLE.





With agreement:
supply of full
document of sheet
music to convert in
braille.

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Good quality sheets
need a transfer to
premium quality
by hand at first.

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Final detailed
check for errors
after conversion.

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Followed by
automatic
conversion into
braille sheet music.

Initial premium
quality sheet music
skips the manual
transfer beforehand.

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Sending out sheet
music in braille to
our client.



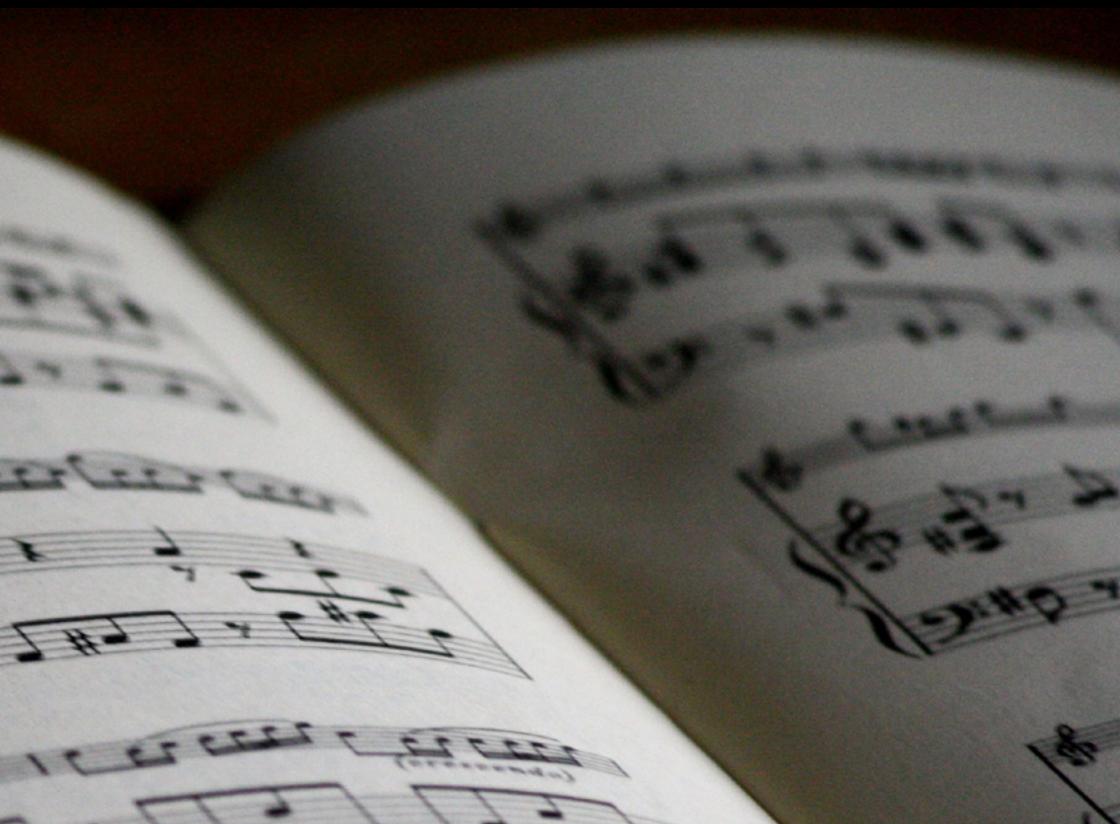
**CAN
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YOU?**



Is my source material good enough for conversion to braille? When will I receive my sheet music in braille? Can Dedicon scan my 25-page score? How will I receive my braille sheet music? Our braille sheet music experts, scarce in the world, will be glad to help and advise you.

Send paper, scanned or digital score to Dedicon and we will send you a lead time and a fixed price per page. If you agree upon our proposition we will produce it for you.

Or contact us and we'll be happy to answer any questions you have and tell you more about the possibilities of our production facility in braille sheet music for you.



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Musical notation for measures 19-22. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.

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Musical notation for measures 23-25. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.

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Musical notation for measures 26-28. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.

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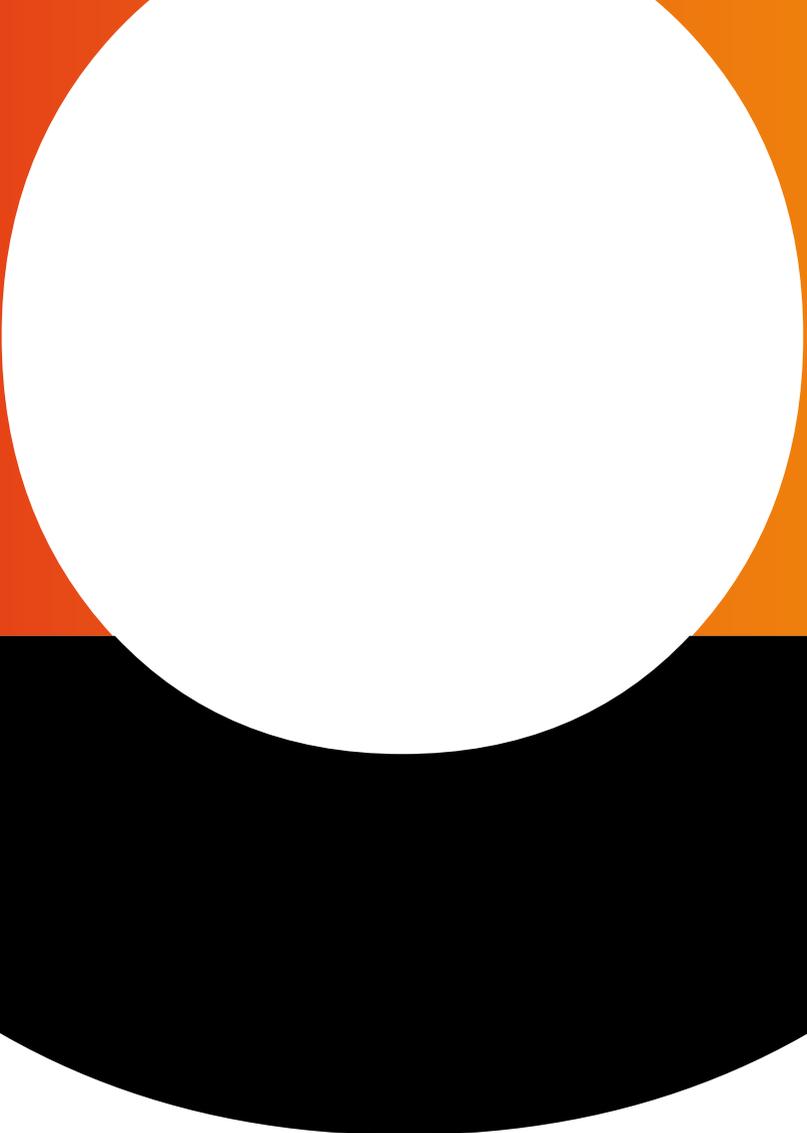
Musical notation for measures 29-31. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.

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Musical notation for measures 32-34. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.

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Musical notation for measures 35-37. Treble clef has a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. Bass clef has a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted rhythms.



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