

Add Instrument Change With Names

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This plugin effectively does what the Sibelius **Add Instrument** command does, except that it allows you to specify both **Instrument Names** and **Staff Names** for the new **Instrument Change**. It also has a **Use Previous Staff Names** checkbox, so it can create a new **Instrument Change** with specified Instrument Names, but continue to use the previous **Staff Names**, rather than making them blank.

It runs in Sibelius Ultimate 2022.9 or later.

The dialog has a **Do Not Show Dialog (this Sibelius session)** button, so you can run it once to set up parameters, and hide the dialog, so when you run it again it will use the same dialog settings. Run the plugin with no selection to make a hidden dialog visible again.

In the Search box, the checkbox **Match only at start of name** might give faster search results than the normal search which will look for the specified text anywhere in a listbox entry. Typing **“Flute”** with the box checked will find **“Flute”** immediately, rather than picking up **“Alto flute”** and a bunch of other flutes first. Sometimes you will need the full search, so it is a checkable option.

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Add an instrument change at the location of the first selected object, optionally changing the Full and Short Instrument and Staff Names used. The list of instruments is in alphabetical order, and there is a search box. Press Tab to move from the list box to the Search box. The list box selection will not change until you press the search button and find a match.

'Use Previous Staff Names' recovers the Staff Names in effect before this Instrument Change would be added. Use this if you want previous Staff Names to continue.

flute Search ☒ Match only at start of name

Flageolet
Flexatone
Flugelhorn
Flute
Fretless Bass Guitar [notation]
Fretless Bass Guitar [tab]
Fretless Electric Bass [notation]
Fretless Electric Bass [tab]
G Flute
Gamba [notation]
Gamba [tab]
Gamelan Gong Ageng (High) [1 line]
Gamelan Gong Ageng (Low) [1 line]
Gamelan Kempyang and Ketuk [2 lines]
Gamelan Kenong
Gamelan Khendang Ageng [1 line]
Gamelan Khendang Ciblon [1 line]
Gamelan Slentam
Gankokwe (Bell)
Glass Harmonica
Glockenspiel
Gourd [1 line]
Great Bass Recorder
Guira [1 line]
Guiri (High) [1 line]
Guiri (Medium) [1 line]
Guitarra [notation]
Guitarra, Coimbra [tab]
Guitarra, Lisboa [tab]

Full Instrument Name
Flute
Short Instrument Name
Fl.
Full Staff Name
Short Staff Name
☒ Use Previous Staff Names
☐ Add Clef (if necessary)
☐ Show instrument name following change
☐ Announce at last note of previous instrument
To
☐ Do not show dialog (this Sibelius session)
New macro/plugin...
Cancel OK

The New macro/plugin button

Use the **New macro/plugin** button to generate a command line, encoding all the current dialog settings, for the **RunPluginEntry_cu** command used in **Execute Commands**. If the plugin **Custom Search Shortcut** is installed, you will be able to automatically generate a plugin to run that command or add the command to the Command List in **Execute Commands**.

If you want to understand how the New macro/plugin features work, see <https://bobzawalich.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Plugins-Designed-to-be-Run-by-Other-Plugins.pdf>, or the other documents on the [Parent Child Plugins](#) page on bobzawalich.com.

Installation

Add Instrument Change With Names may be downloaded directly through Sibelius 7 and higher at **File > Plug-ins > Install Plug-ins**. Users may also install it manually in Sibelius 6 or higher by visiting the plug-in download page and following [the usual manual installation procedure](#), or by using the **Install New Plugin** plugin.