

# Make Your Own Music Files

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# What we will learn today

- Why make your own files?
- How do I get started?
- What do I need? What software is available?
- A step by step review of how it's done

# Why?

- Teach new music faster with your own interp or changes.
- Update your music files with new notes or interp for new guests and members.
- Save money by doing it yourself!
- Take advantage of the talent in your chorus.
- Create excellent audio for virtual choruses or events.

# Work Flow



# Good EDITING SOFTWARE

## GARAGEBAND

- Record directly or upload files
- Make minor edits. Not as precise.
- Not as user friendly for effects
- Software meant to create music, not edit. It has lots of sound files and plug-in extras that we don't need.
- FREE WITH MAC Products. Available for computer or mobile devices.  
Currently not available for Windows

# Better EDITING SOFTWARE

## AUDACITY

- Record directly or upload files
- Many edit options: TEMPO, PITCH, ECHO
- More versatile than GarageBand. GB is meant to “create” music while Audacity is primarily to edit music.
- Not as precise as Melodyne. You may need to edit things a few times until you get what you want.
- Available on all Apple Devices and Windows Systems. Not available for android.

# Best EDITING SOFTWARE

## MELODYNE

- Most user friendly
- Great tools for accurate, natural vocals:
- Different Purchase Options
- Only available on computer

### Melodyne 5 essential

**The easy way to begin.** With Melodyne 5 essential, you edit your vocals using the basic functions for pitch and timing. Musical, quick and easy. And if you need more, you can always upgrade, paying only the difference.

**US\$99**

### Melodyne 5 assistant

**The path to professional vocals.** Melodyne assistant offers the complete Melodyne tool for pitch, timing, vibrato, phrasing, formants and dynamics. Everything you need for professional vocal editing.

**US\$299**

# Resources

GarageBand: Apple Website, App Store

Audacity: [audacity team.org](http://audacityteam.org),

Melodyne: [celemony.com](http://celemony.com)

How to videos on YouTube

Making Music Together during COVID FBGroup

Technology for Barbershop Singers FB group

Virtual Choir Forum FB Group

Tips for making a Virtual Choir FB group