

Installing and Troubleshooting Music Fonts for Nightingale

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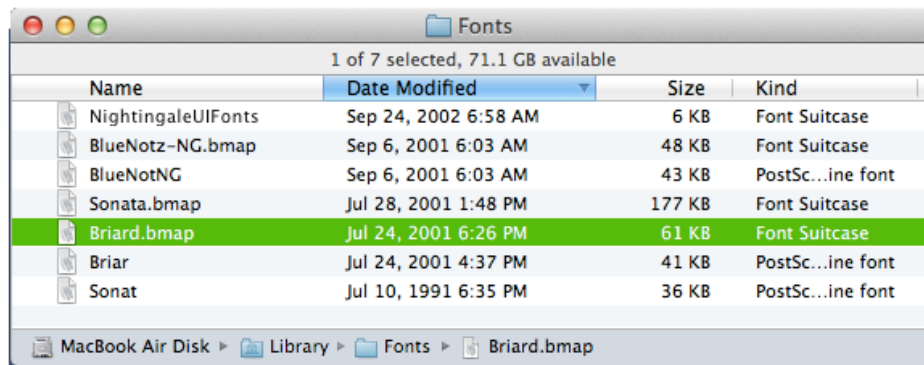
Nightingale supports three music fonts: Sonata (by Cleo Huggins, for Adobe Systems), the first PostScript music font; Briard (by Francis X. Mahoney); and BlueNotz (by Thomas Williams). In addition, Nightingale's user interface requires a few specific music characters for use in dialogs and so on.

Nightingale depends on the old "Carbon" Macintosh toolbox, which—due to limitations of the technology available at the time—uses separate "screen" (bitmap) fonts for drawing music on the screen. The fonts are distributed in the following files:

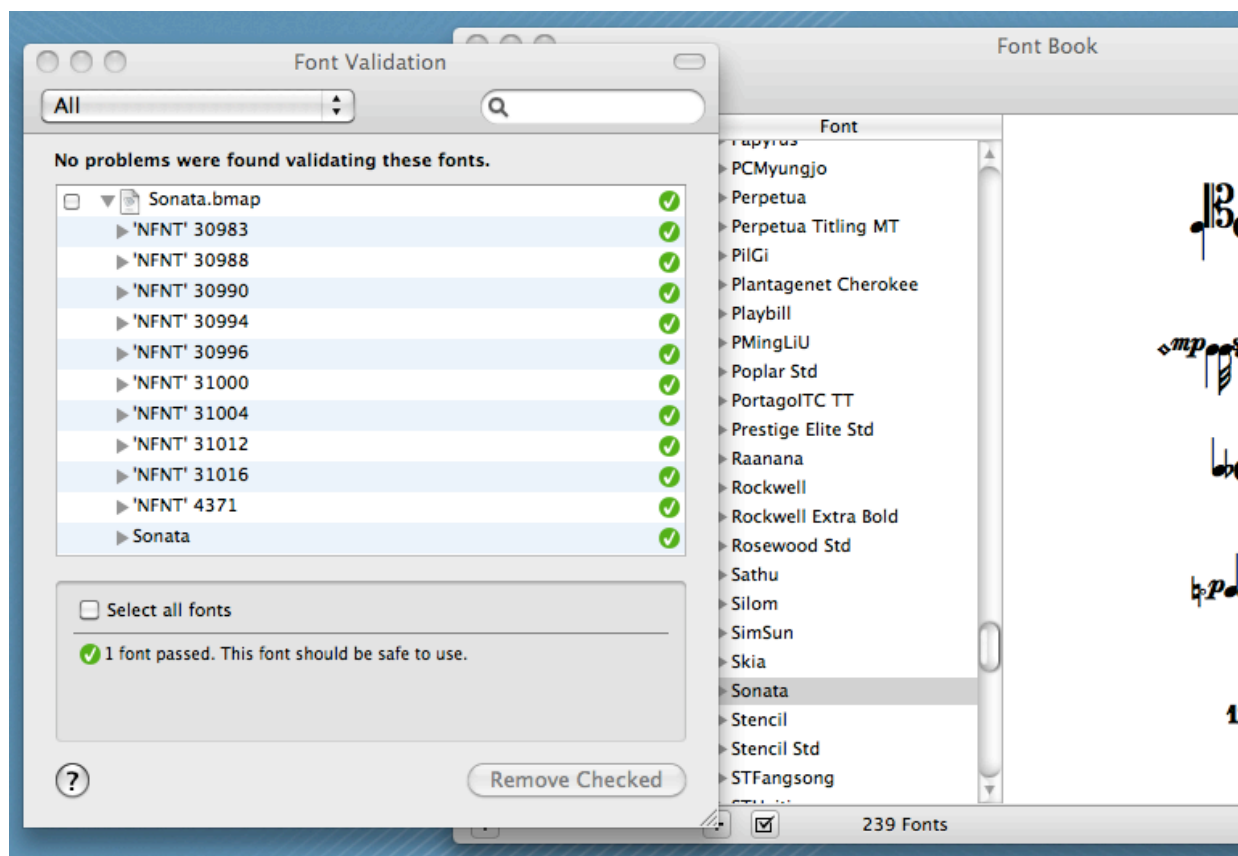
<i>font</i>	<i>PostScript font file</i>	<i>screen font file</i>
BlueNotz	BlueNotNG	BlueNotz-NG.bmap
Briard	Briar	Briard.bmap
Sonata	Sonat	Sonata.bmap
User interface	(none)	NightingaleUIFonts

However, note that the PostScript versions of BlueNotz and Sonata are proprietary and cannot be given away, so you may not have them. Nightingale assumes its user-interface font and the Sonata screen fonts are always available; the others are optional.

The picture below shows all of the files. It also shows where they belong: if "HD" is the name of your startup disk, HD/Library/Fonts.



Apple's Font Book application can check whether the fonts are properly installed. The next picture shows Font Book with Sonata selected, and the result of running its Validate Font command.



As we've said, Nightingale's fonts should be in HD/Library/Fonts. If you're having problems, moving them out of that folder to the desktop and back may help. Make sure the fonts are enabled in Font Book. You should not have duplicate fonts in your system, and Font Book can help avoid that problem.

To launch Font Book, double click on the font in the Library/Fonts folder, or double click on Font Book itself. Double click on the name of the font in Font Book's list. A new window should open, and it should say "installed" in the bottom of that window. Close that window. With the font still selected, use the Validate Font command in Font Book's File menu to check on the font. There is also a "resolve duplicates" command in its Edit menu. If a font is not installed, try dragging the font files (both screen and printer versions) from the Library/Fonts folder to the desktop and back. If that doesn't help, try restarting.

Screen fonts should be present in 7, 12, 14, 18, 24, 28, and 36 points. If they're not, Nightingale should tell you, but in any case, it'll do the best can it can to display the music on the screen with the fonts that are available. PostScript printing isn't affected by the presence or absence of particular screen-font sizes.