

## **Making the most of Sibelius' plug-ins**

- 1 Please explore the many plug-ins inside the program: these are FREE but are sometimes updated on our website. Many of them, when you choose them, say “**this is not undoable**”: don't worry! It simply means that Control + Z (*Command + Z*) won't undo them: often, you can run them (plug-ins that add text, for example), then simply select the text and delete it.
- 2 Check out the **families** into which the plug-ins are placed: “Composing Tools” has several useful ones like **Add drum pattern** and **Add simple harmony**, with many choices. “Text” has indispensable ones like **Add Chord Symbols** and **Add Note Names**. “Notes and Rests” has **Halve** and **Double Note Values**, “Other” has **Make Layout Uniform** and **Scales and Arpeggios**, and there are many others.
- 3 Usually, you just select the passage or note where you want the plug-in to apply, and run the plug-in. Remember that Control + A (*Command + A*) selects the whole score.
- 4 You can **edit plug-ins** and even **write your own plug-ins**, but please check with our complete documentation if you want to do that!
- 5 If you feel we're missing a plug-in, or there's something you'd really like to automate, please ask us: maybe we can create a new plug-in that does just that: most of our new plug-ins over the years have come from user requests!