

Opus Technologies and Hal Leonard Corp. Sign Braille Music Publishing Agreement

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Opus Technologies, a braille technology company based in San Diego, CA announced today that it has signed a braille music publishing agreement with Hal Leonard Corp. of Milwaukee, WI, the world's largest print music publishing company. The agreement grants Opus Technologies the rights to publish and sell braille editions of music titles from Hal Leonard's extensive catalog of print music.

For its first offering, Opus Technologies is publishing braille editions of 25 individual sheet music pieces. These consist of the piano/vocal/guitar, easy piano, or piano solo versions of the following 10 best-selling popular songs: *Forrest Gump Main Title (Feather Theme)*, *Great Balls of Fire*, *Heart and Soul*, *Imagine*, *Memory (From 'Cats')*, *My Heart Will Go On (Love Theme from 'Titanic')*, *Tears in Heaven*, *Unchained Melody*, *What a Wonderful World*, and *Yesterday*.

Each braille edition contains all the musical information found in the corresponding print music piece, including notes, rests, chords and chord symbols, ties and slurs, expression marks, and lyrics. The braille music pages are embossed double-sided on 11-inch by 11.5-inch sheets of braille paper, with 40 braille characters per line and 25 lines per page. A typical song will have two to three times as many braille pages as print pages.

Opus Technologies will sell the braille editions and the corresponding print sheet music by mail order and through its web site (www.opustec.com) at the following prices: \$9.95 (braille), \$3.95 (print), and \$12.95 (braille and print). Add \$5 shipping and handling per U.S. order. The braille music pieces are delivered unbound. They can be bound individually or together with other pieces, using 19-hole comb binding with plastic front and back covers, for an additional \$2.00 per binding.

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