

Using The Art of Improvisation CD-ROM

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First of all -

Be sure you have read the AOI-ReadMe.txt or AOI-ReadMe.pdf file for important tips on installation, system requirements, legal stuff, etc.

Then -

Read through the following sections in this document:

- A) Navigation Tips
- B) Display/Printing Tips
- C) Using Sound Files

A) NAVIGATION TIPS

1. Use the PDF Bookmarks for easy navigation.
 - A) In the Acrobat Reader, click the Bookmarks tab at the left of the document you're reading. A pane of bookmarks will appear.
 - B) Click on any bookmark to go to that document.
2. Use the Back Arrow to go to the previous view.
 - A) In the Acrobat Reader tool bar (top of the window), click the Back Arrow to return to a previous view.
 - B) If you have scrolled numerous times within a document, remember you will return through each view that you used. To get to another document, use the Bookmarks.
3. Use the document links.
 - A) Documents that appear at the left margin inside the Bookmarks pane are navigation documents. Once you open one of them, you can click any item in a rectangle to go to that document.
 - B) Within other documents, such as the AOI Books, you can click on the dashed-line rectangles or "MORE" titles to open additional examples and articles. Some of these are PDFs, some are JPGs (see Display/Printing Tips below), and some are sound files (see Using Sound Files) below.

B) DISPLAY/PRINTING TIPS

1. Use the Zoom feature in Acrobat Reader or drag the viewing window to control the text size.
2. Use the Smoothing options (Edit | Preferences | General | Display, then check the Smoothing boxes).
3. When you click a link to a JPG file, your computer will use your default JPG viewer. For quicker loading, you may want to change your default viewer to a smaller utility program rather than a large program such as Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator.
4. If you're using a laptop, it's highly recommended you use the Adobe Cool View option for better screen display. Click the Configure Cool View option next to the Smoothing options and follow the instructions.
5. When you print sections of the AOI Books, remember that your printer uses the page numbers in the small window at the bottom left of the Acrobat Reader window. In most cases, this won't match the numbers that appear in the footers of the AOI pages themselves. The pages will still print correctly if you enter the Acrobat Reader page numbers in the Print dialog.
6. The Printing folder in this CD-ROM contains several black-and-white versions of files. You can print these instead of the files with color backgrounds to get better print results.

C) USING SOUND FILES

1. To play sound files, click on any link to a sound file, or open a folder with sound files and double-click any of them. AOI uses MP3 and MIDI files for sound; most PCs and Macs can use both these sound formats.
2. Make sure your speakers are on (not muted) and that your Control Panel settings are enabled for proper sound playback.
3. When you play sound files, your computer will use your default player for sound files. This may clear any currently loaded tune selections in the player, but you can easily reload the selections later.

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