

Hello, Development Teamsters, hello, David,

since I am a native German and guitar player (and not a Scot), it may come as a surprise that I occasionally play the bagpipes on MuseScore.com. See for example <https://musescore.org/en/node/82941> or <https://musescore.com/user/28092/scores/5987607>

Easy to explain why: I am a "folkie", play the tin whistle among other things, and have a soft spot for Celtic folklore (Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Brittany). The harmonies and the "embellishments" like the bagpipes appear for example with the Tin Whistle, but also in the songs and arrangements of artists like Andy Irvine, Luke Kelly, Dolores Keane, Karine Polwart, Malinky and others.

Under MuseScore 2.02 I already had a deeper exchange of ideas with "Leon Vinken", "muselt" and "Marc Sabatella" in October 2015, because MS 2.02. only "stumbled and stammered" with the Bagpipe-Embellishments at that time, see

<https://musescore.org/en/node/83401>

I believed, this problem were solved in MuseScore 3. The following "bagpipe-problem" is not new, but should have existed for some time, but is still unsolved

The data files of the "Bagpipe Music Writer" are according to the manual compatible with MuseScore, the manual said; MuseScore can import them, see original quote from the online manual

Bagpipe Music Writer (*.bww) (import only)

BWW files are created by the niche score writer, Bagpipe Music Writer.

(<https://musescore.org/en/handbook/file-formats#bagpipe-music-writer>)

How to get information on the Internet when searching for "Bagpipe Music Writer

(<https://robertmacneilmusicworks.com/home/> <https://robertmacneilmusicworks.com/books-in-bmw/> <https://robertmacneilmusicworks.com/product-features/>)

the editor of the Musescore manual or the programmer has sat on false information. The Bagpipe Music Writer file format is marked with the suffix ".**BMW**" (not: **.BWW**)

This error has consequences. On the search for bagpipe melodies in Public Domain) I found

<http://www.mohr.nu/Peter/tunes/tunes.html>

' Source for some Bagpipe-

Music

offers: **Download a zip with the all the tunes! (app. 1689 tunes / 671 KB)**

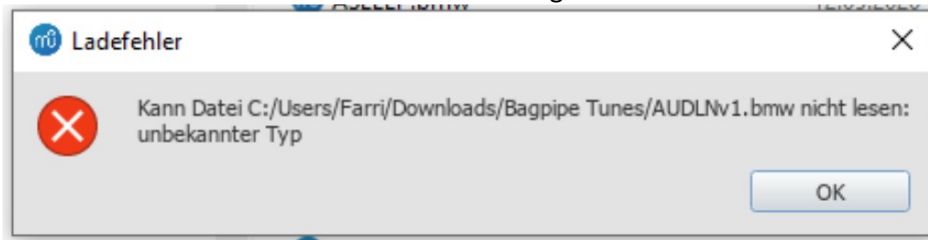
Orginal-Quote:

The BMW-Tunes Page

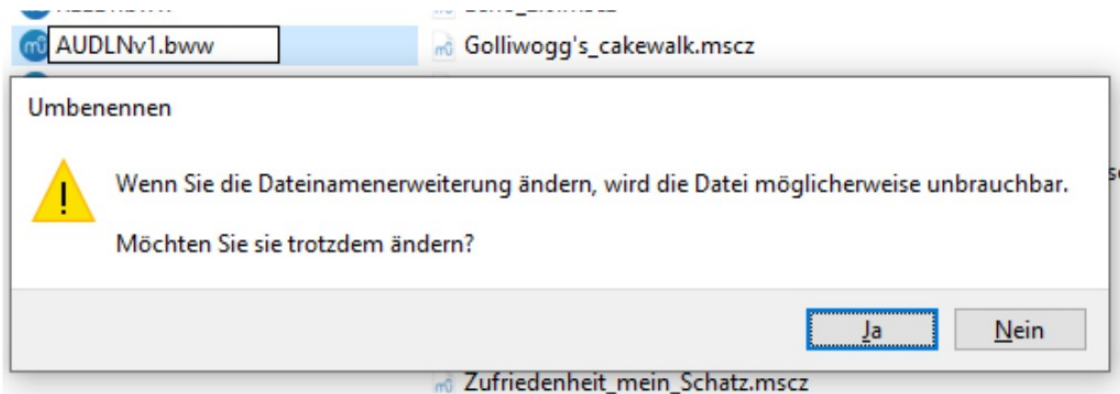
The tunes listed here on this page can be printed, played and viewed on a PC with a program called "Bagpipe Music Writer" which can be obtained from Robert MacNeills Musicworks

I have downloaded and unzipped this ZIP file. Result: I now have 1689 Jigs, Reels, Airs, Marches and Strathsprays in the format ".BMW" as files on the harddisk - and Musescore can't read any of them! The attempt ends always here (=> Type unknown):

Musescore: Loading error

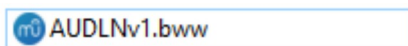


Now, as a user with 40 years of experience since 1980 (the first own: C=64 was 1983) I am not easily impressed. I'll just try to change the file suffix from correct to wrong (on a copy of the file, Robert Burns' "Auld Lang Syne", well known!)

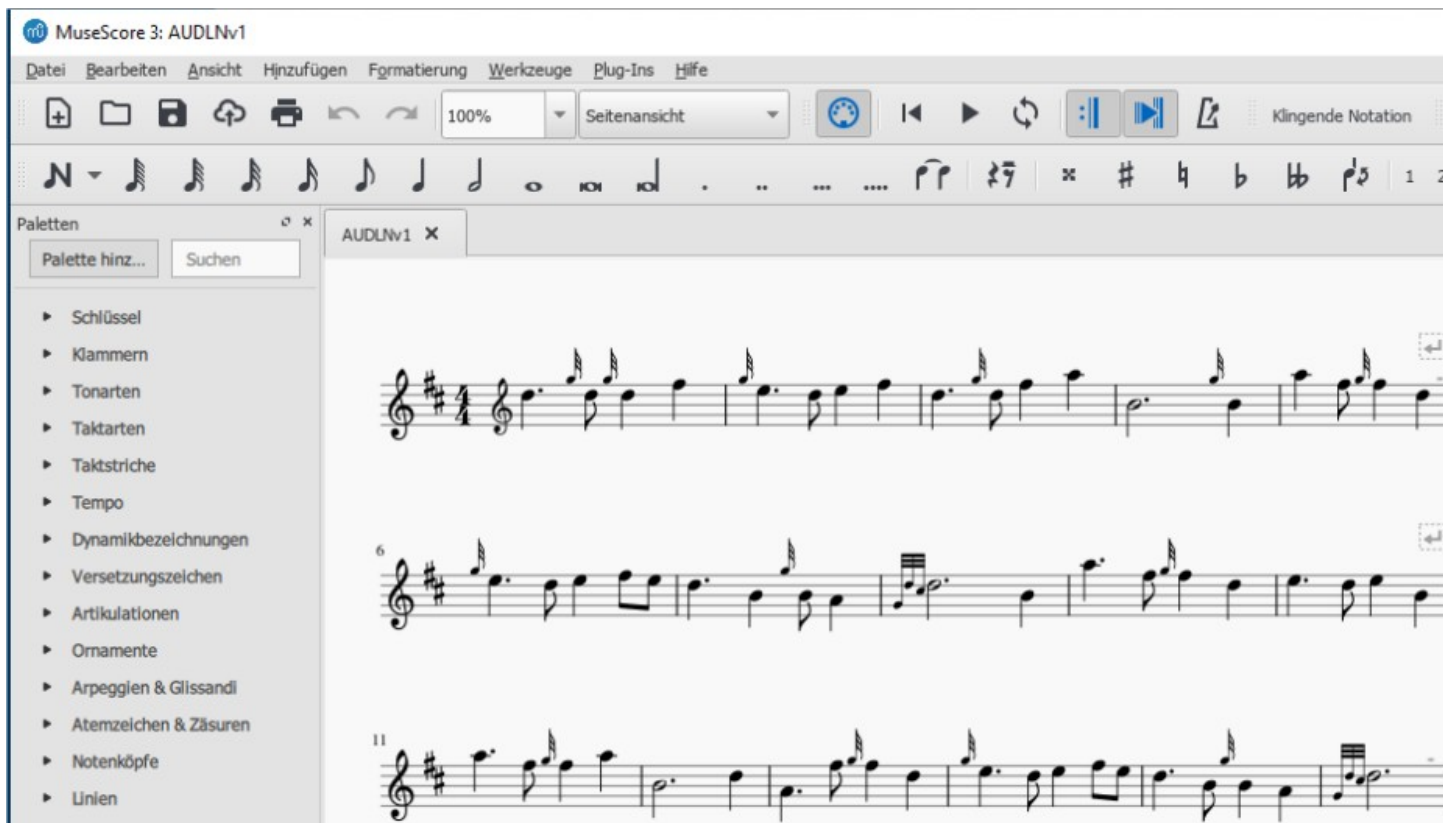


You can ignore this warning of the OS (only a copy, no original).

The file then appears as



in the directory. And to big surprise: The error is not only in the manual, but also in the source code of Musescore 3, because now Musescore can load and play the file.



Now you might ask: If the FarrierPete has already found the WorkAround - what more does he want?

Yes, MS 3 loads and plays that. BUT: the bug from 2015 that occurred with the predecessor MS 2.02 - that's back. Musescore can't get the timing of the "Embellishments" (= Acciaccatura) right, loses beat and tempo and stumbles through the score.