



Music from iTunes into Dance Designer

How Do I Get My Music from My iTunes Library into Dance Designer?

Click the **Add Music** button and navigate to your iTunes music folder.

In Dance Designer

1. Click "Add Music"
2. Navigate to "My Music" folder
3. In the "My Music" folder select the "iTunes folder"
4. Then, select the "iTunes Music" folder
5. Select the Artist's Folder
6. Select an Album Name
7. Select the song

WAV, MP3, or WMA file extensions will open directly into Dance Designer.

When searching through iTunes files in Dance Designer, you will only see the files Dance Designer can open. If Dance Designer cannot open the file or you can't see the file, you will need to convert the m4a files to mp3.

Before you convert a music file, you will need to change your iTunes settings. (You will only need to set these preferences once).

1. Select -"Edit"
2. "Preferences"
3. "General"
4. "Import Settings"
5. "Import Using" – MP3 Encode
6. "Setting" – Higher Quality (192 kbps)
7. "OK"
8. "OK"

To convert your music files

Right click on your music file and select create "MP3" version (if the file extension is an "M4A" (Un-protected) iTunes will convert the file automatically). Converting will add an MP3 copy of your music file to your iTunes library. Once converted, the file can be opened into Dance Designer.



If you received the error message “could not be converted” the extension of the music file is “M4P” (Protected)

You will need to “Burn” the file to a CD and then import the CD as an “MP3” back into iTunes.

How do I burn music to a CD and import the “MP3”? You will need a blank CD and a CD burner on your computer. The following are instructions to assist you with this process in iTunes.

1. Select - “File”
2. “New Playlist”----- it will ask you to name this new playlist
Add as many songs that will be used in your dance to your playlist
3. Go back to Music in your Main Library
4. Drag and Drop the protected song into your newly created playlist
5. Click “Burn Disc” in the lower right hand corner
6. Dialog Box will appear –
 - a. Preferred Speed – “Maximum Possible”
 - b. Disc Format – “Audio CD”
 - c. Gap Between Songs – “2 seconds”
 - d. Select “Burn”
7. Let the process complete
8. In iTunes you will now have under “Devices” the newly created CD with the name of the playlist you made.
9. Make sure that the CD is selected under “Devices”
10. Click “Import CD” in the lower right hand corner
11. Let process complete
12. This will create an MP3 version of the selected song and place it in a sub-folder under the artists name in a folder based on your user location “Advance Preferences/iTunes Music Folder location”
13. This is where you will need to navigate in Dance Designer to find the newly converted music file.

The default location of your iTunes library is:

1. “My Documents”
2. “My Music”
3. “iTunes”
4. “iTunes Music”
5. “Album Name”
6. “Song Title”

*To find out where your music in iTunes is located on your computer, in the iTunes tool bar:

1. Select - “Edit”
2. “Preferences”
3. “Advance’ tab
4. The “iTunes Media Folder Location” window shows the location of your music folder on your computer, this is where you will need to navigate Dance Designer to find music and import music for a new dance.