

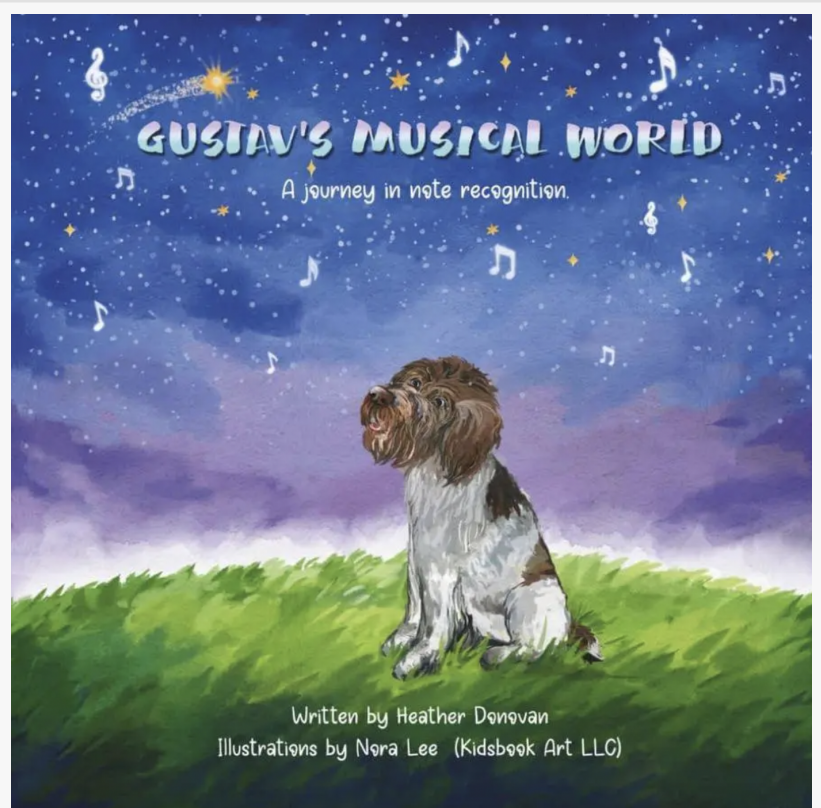
# Heather Donovan Releases Gustav's Musical World - A Children's Book Focused on Music Note Recognition

MAPLE VALLEY, WA, UNITED STATES, July 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author, music educator, and therapeutic musician Heather Donovan has announced the release of *Gustav's Musical World: A Journey in Note Recognition*, a children's picture book designed to introduce young readers to music note recognition through storytelling. Inspired by Donovan's beloved dog Gustav, the book combines a whimsical narrative with foundational music concepts to help children become familiar with reading notes on the musical staff before or alongside formal music instruction.

Written for children ages 3 to 12 as well as beginner musicians of any age, the book follows Gustav, a pointer dog, as he shares stories from his life while guiding readers through notes on the treble clef. Each note is presented naturally within the story, encouraging recognition through repeated exposure in a relaxed and enjoyable reading experience.

## A Story That Supports Early Music Education

'Gustav's Musical World' introduces music fundamentals in a format that blends imagination with practical learning. Throughout the story, Gustav points to notes on the staff with his right paw, helping readers connect musical notation with corresponding letter names in an intuitive way. The first installment focuses on notes from middle C through the B above it, creating a gentle starting point for beginners.



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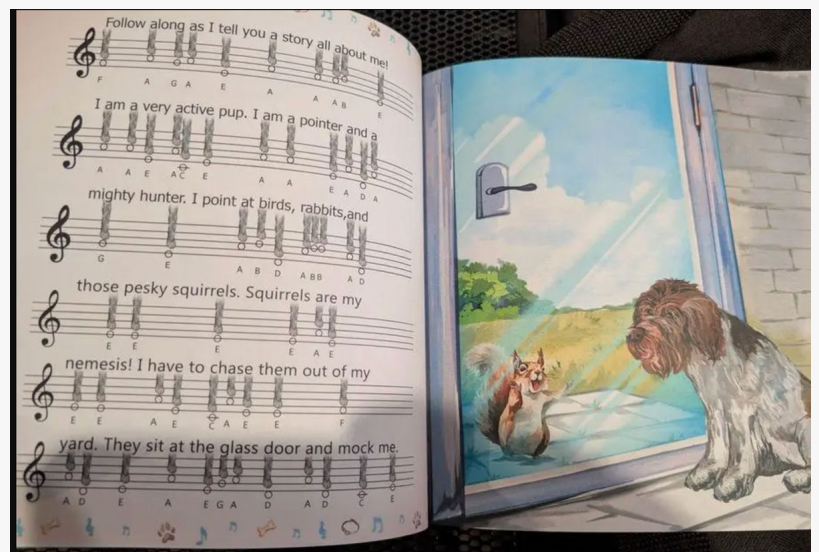
The book also features colorful illustrations and lighthearted moments that keep young readers engaged while reinforcing early music literacy. Its approachable style makes it suitable for families, piano teachers, music educators, homeschool environments, and anyone introducing children to the basics of reading music.

### Built on Years of Teaching Experience

Heather Donovan brings more than two decades of experience as a private piano and harp teacher to this project. Holding both bachelor's and master's degrees in music, she developed the story as a creative extension of her teaching methods and her passion for making music education enjoyable. Gustav, her wirehaired pointing griffon, serves as both the inspiration and central character, creating a memorable learning companion for readers. Heather also plans to expand the concept into a series that gradually introduces additional musical notes and concepts.



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"Music becomes much more approachable when learning feels like an adventure," said Heather Donovan, Author and Music Educator. "I wanted children to enjoy a fun story while naturally becoming familiar with the notes on the staff. My hope is that Gustav helps readers begin their musical journey with confidence and curiosity."

### Encouraging Confidence Through Creative Learning

By combining storytelling, visual learning, and music education, Gustav's Musical World offers a resource that complements traditional lessons while encouraging independent exploration. The book provides families and educators with another way to introduce foundational music skills in an engaging format that supports confidence from the very beginning. Here is a recent article published [about the book](#).

## About Heather Donovan

Heather Donovan is a music educator, therapeutic musician, and private piano and harp teacher based in Washington State. With more than twenty years of teaching experience and advanced academic training in music, she is dedicated to helping students develop confidence and enjoyment in music education. Gustav's Musical World: A Journey in Note Recognition is her debut children's book and the first planned title in an educational series inspired by her love of music and her dog, Gustav.

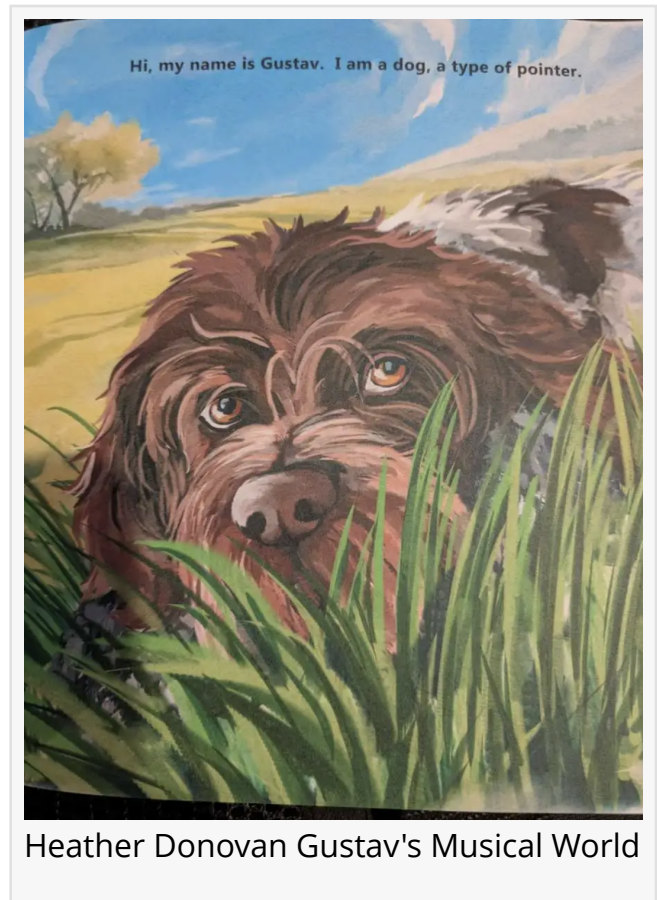
### Call to Action

Gustav's Musical World: A Journey in Note Recognition is available in paperback and eBook formats. Readers can purchase the book through Amazon: <https://a.co/d/06w6EjBo>.

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