

SPRKPLUG

One person, one GO, the whole room. Slides, video, music, and timers for a live event, run from one screen on your Mac.



Needs macOS 15 or newer **Mac** Apple silicon (M1 or later) **Account** none, works offline

INSTALL IN THREE STEPS

1

Open the download

Double-click *SPRKplug-2.0-alpha.13.dmg*. A window opens with SPRKplug and your Applications folder.

2

Drag it in

Drag the SPRKplug icon onto the Applications folder. That is the whole install. Then eject the SPRKplug disk.

3

Open it

Open SPRKplug from Applications. The first time, macOS asks once whether to open an app you downloaded. Click Open.

Signed and notarized by Apple. SPRKplug is signed with SPRK Productions' Developer ID and checked by Apple, so it opens like any app you download from a trusted developer.

WHAT IT PUTS ON YOUR MAC

Only the app. There is no installer, background service, or system extension. Shows you save go in **Documents/SPRKplug Shows**. To remove SPRKplug, drag it from Applications to the Trash.

PERMISSIONS IT MAY ASK FOR

- **Control Spotify, Music, Keynote, or PowerPoint.** Asked the first time a cue plays a Spotify or Music song, or when you import a Keynote or PowerPoint deck. Say OK to use those features; everything else works without it.
- **Screens and sound outputs** are chosen in Settings → Outputs and Settings → Sound. SPRKplug does not change your Mac's display or sound settings.
- **Local Network access** is needed only when you choose NDI® video sources or send an NDI picture feed. NDI output carries picture, and can also carry the sound of playing videos (turn on Send video sound for that feed). [About NDI](#). NDI® is a registered trademark of Vizrt NDI AB.

START A SHOW

The start screen offers **Continue** (your last show), a name field and five templates (Blank, Presentation, Conference, Panel, Awards night), and **Open a show...** A new show saves itself from the first minute. **File** → **Save As** names it and chooses where it lives.

A show file holds everything it plays. Imports are copied in, so the show moves between Macs as one piece. **File** → **Collect for Another Mac...** makes a ready-to-move copy.

BUILD IT

- **Drop files** onto the run of show or the Library: videos, images, sound files, and PDF, Keynote, or PowerPoint decks. Decks become slides with their speaker notes.
- **Add** (top of the run of show) adds timers, messages, lower thirds, clears, sections, and slides you make right in SPRKplug.
- **Spotify**: paste a song, album, or playlist link in the Library, or press **Capture** while Spotify plays to start the song right at that moment.
- **Click a cue** to change it in the inspector. Drag cues to reorder them, or right-click a cue for Move Up or Move Down. You can also use Command-Option-Up/Down. Right-click for Fire Now and Make this the next cue.
- **Trim sound and video** on the waveform: drag In and Out, or click to move the independent preview playhead, then choose **Set In at playhead** or **Set Out at playhead**. Preview starts muted. Use **Listen on Headphones** to enable sound; if Headphones shares House, the room hears it.
- **Cues that go together**: in the Timing tab, start a cue On GO, With the previous cue, or After the previous cue. To repeat a sequence, select contiguous cues and choose Group selected cues; set that group to Repeat.

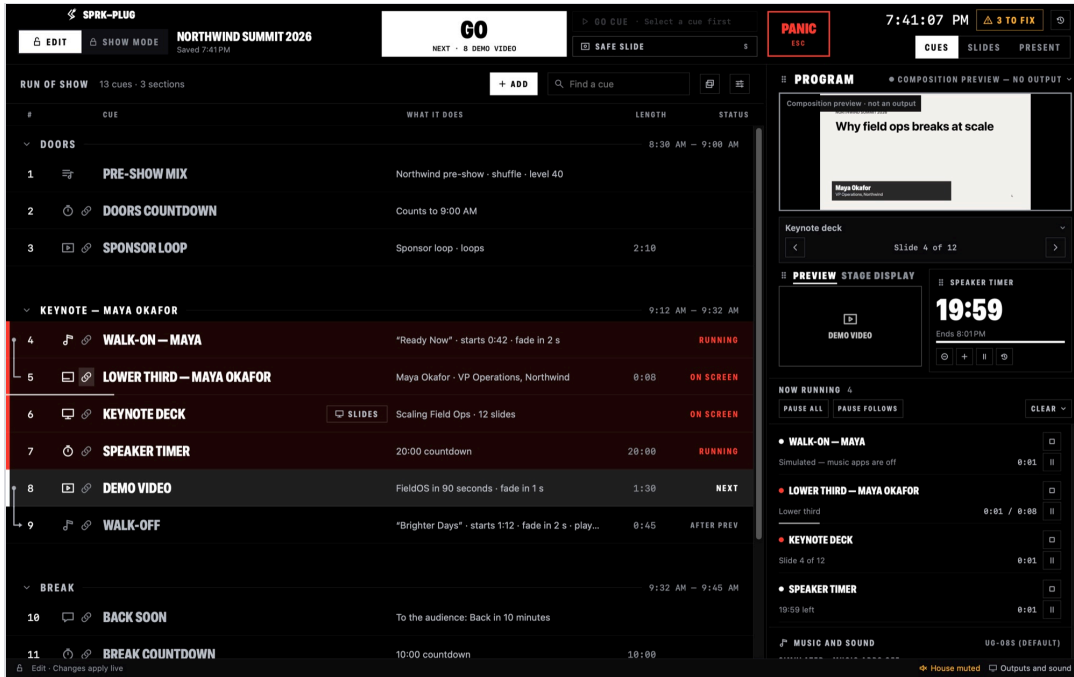
PRESENTER MODE

For slides and lyrics only: the **Present** tab (top right) lists every deck and song down the side and shows the chosen one's slides large. Click a slide to put it up. In the cue list, the **Slides** button on a deck or song opens it the same way.

SONGS FROM LYRICS

Add → **Song lyrics...** and paste the words. **[Verse 1]** and **[Chorus]** headings (or headings on their own line) make sections; a heading on its own repeats that section, and a blank line starts a new slide. Without headings, the block sung more than once becomes the Chorus. **Title:**, **Author:**, **Copyright:**, and **CCLI:** lines fill a small credits line on the first slide.

Retype the order as codes (**V1 C V2 C B C**), choose lines per slide, and pick a look: **Over background** (see-through, for motion loops), **Lower third**, or **On black**. Edit lyrics any time, even while the song is up.



The live screen. Run of show on the left. Program (the selected output preview), Preview, the timer, and Now Running on the right.

RUN THE SHOW

Screens and sound are always live. When prep is done, switch **Edit** to **Show Mode**: the Library and Inspector hide, edits are protected, and every live control still works.

KEY	DOES
Space	GO : fire the cue marked NEXT. Clicking a cue only selects it.
Enter	Load the selected cue as Next without playing it. Double-click does the same.
Esc	Panic : fade everything out. Press again to stop at once.
→ ←	Next and previous slide. A presentation clicker works the same way.
S .	Safe slide on or off: your holding slide instead of black. The blank button on most clickers sends the period.
V C B	While a song or a deck with sections is up, a letter jumps to its next section starting with that letter: Verse, Chorus, Bridge.
⌘L	Switch between Edit and Show Mode.
⌘⇧K	Preview the Stage Display in a window.
⌘Q	Bring the main window back. Closing it never stops the show; only Quit does.

- **Go out of order:** select a cue and press **Go Cue**. To prepare a jump without playing it yet, press Enter or double-click; then press GO when ready.
- **Now Running** has Pause All, Pause Follows, and Clear. Pause or stop any single cue from its row.
- **Program** shows the selected audience output, fades included. Its transport can pause, seek, and restart the active seekable cue.

STAGE DISPLAY

It picks its own layout: current and next slide with notes and time left while a deck runs, a full-screen timer when only a timer runs, or the clock and what's next. Send a message only the speaker sees, like “Wrap up in 2 minutes”.

BEFORE DOORS

SPRKplug → **Settings** → **Outputs** configures audience screens, Stage Display, and the safe slide. The separate **Sound** page chooses House and Headphones outputs. Each screen can show everything or only some layers (background and video only for side screens, for example), and show lyrics a few lines at a time. The **Ready** chip in the top bar opens the Ready check, with a fix button for each problem. Enter Show Mode when ready.

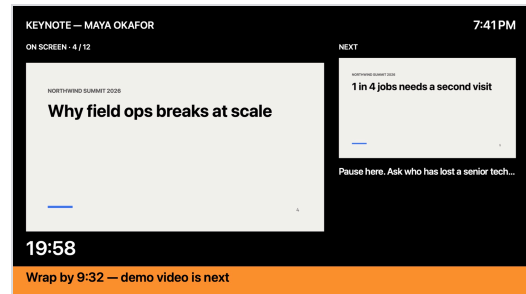
SONGS, VIDEO, AND SCREENS

Right-click a lyric slide to **Edit slide** with the same visual tools as a general deck, or choose **Edit lyrics** to change verses and order. The first background tile in Slides or Present lets you choose a picture or loop for the whole song. Manual slide edits are preserved. New songs open Slides when they start; Timing lets you change that behavior.

Select a library video to inspect it, play a muted preview, and choose its thumbnail. Optional preview sound uses the selected Headphones output, which may share the room's output. The cue inspector shows In/Out controls and an independent preview. In Settings → Outputs, name your Audience, Stage, Stream, or Lobby screens, choose physical/NDI connections or placeholders, and save layer Looks.

AI AGENTS

Settings → **Agent control** shows the always-available local MCP connection and separate permission switches for running and editing shows. **Copy instructions** gives your agent everything it needs to connect.



Stage Display with a message along the bottom.

GOOD TO KNOW IN THIS ALPHA

This is early software. Rehearse with it before you rely on it, keep your original files, and have a backup plan for a critical show. SPRKplug is provided as is, without warranty.

- Spotify and Music play through the Mac's own sound output, not SPRKplug's House and Headphones outputs. For anything critical, use a sound file.
- A personal streaming subscription does not license public performance. The venue or client is responsible for performance licensing.
- Not built yet: live Keynote or PowerPoint window capture, Google Slides and Canva links, and spreadsheet run-of-show import.
- Shows from the older SPRKplug 1.0 (.sprkshow files) do not open in this version.

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Included NDI components are subject to the [NDI component terms](#), also included with the app.