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Native Instruments announces GUITAR RIG SESSION

Affordable guitar recording solution includes versatile GUITAR RIG 3 XE software, new SESSION I/O interface, Cubase 4 LE sequencer and more

Berlin, May 7th, 2008 - Native Instruments today announced GUITAR RIG SESSION, a new recording solution for guitarists, bass players and songwriters that provides studio-quality results at an entry-level price. Offering the acclaimed sonic power and ease-of-use of the award-winning GUITAR RIG platform, and equipped with a specially designed audio interface and additional recording software, GUITAR RIG SESSION is a versatile toolkit to create guitar-driven music of any style.

At the heart of GUITAR RIG SESSION is the new GUITAR RIG 3 XE software, which offers a selection of five true-to-life tube amplifier models and 12 cabinet types, as well as 21 stomp boxes and effect units. All components can be freely combined in the virtual GUITAR RIG rack, allowing musicians to easily create sounds ranging from authentic signature tones to totally unique sonic flavors. A library with over 150 instantly playable tones from different musical eras and genres is included, together with several helpful tools including dual tape-decks, metronome, tuner, and a dedicated Live View.

The crucial link between the instrument and the computer is established with the included SESSION I/O, a new USB 2.0 stereo audio interface specifically designed for guitarists. Two high-quality instrument preamps and studio-grade 24bit/192kHz Cirrus Logic audio converters enable pristine audio quality, while low-latency drivers provide excellent feel and responsiveness under all conditions. With an additional microphone input and headphone output, the compact and rugged SESSION I/O offers everything necessary to turn a Windows or Macintosh computer into a full guitar or bass recording setup.

GUITAR RIG SESSION also includes the powerful 64-track music sequencer Cubase 4 LE, as well as the KORE PLAYER software instrument combined with the versatile POP DRUMS acoustic drum library - providing a complete creative arsenal to record and produce music on any computer.

Pricing and availability

GUITAR RIG SESSION will be available in June 2008 for a suggested retail price of \$ 249 / 229 €.

The GUITAR RIG 3 XE software will also be available separately for a suggested retail price of \$ 119 / 99 €.

Further product information and press material

Additional information on GUITAR RIG SESSION is available at www.native-instruments.com/guitarrigsession.info

A digital press kit including picture material is available at www.native-instruments.com/press.info

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About Native Instruments

Native Instruments is the pioneer and market leader in the field of software instruments, and one of the key players in the market of computer-based audio production technology. The company's mission is to develop outstanding musical tools for all styles and genres. The resulting products regularly push technological boundaries and open up new creative horizons for professionals and amateurs alike.

Native Instruments opened up the fascinating world of real-time sound synthesis on standard computers in 1996, and today offers an extensive product range for the Instruments, Guitar and DJ markets, designed and developed by three corresponding divisions within the company. Native Instruments currently employs more than 150 people in its two offices in Berlin and Los Angeles, and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.