

Press release – for immediate release

Native Instruments Introduces SCARBEE JAY-BASS

New KONTAKT-Powered instrument provides the funky tones of the legendary Fender® Jazz Bass® in fingered and slapped playing styles

Berlin, December 2nd, 2009 – Native Instruments today introduced SCARBEE JAY-BASS, a new software instrument that provides an authentic rendition of the legendary Fender® Jazz Bass®. JAY-BASS is based on the acclaimed Scarbee Red Bass library, and is the latest release in the partnership between Native Instruments and sampling expert Thomas Hansen Skarbye, complementing the available PRE-BASS and MM-BASS instruments.

Powered by the industry-leading KONTAKT engine and playable both via the full KONTAKT 4 sampler and the free KONTAKT PLAYER, SCARBEE JAY-BASS recreates the full sonic spectrum of the Jazz Bass in both slapped and fingered playing styles, delivering an arsenal of classic funky bass tones suitable for a wide range of music genres. All four strings of the original instrument have been expertly sampled in nine velocities, resulting in over 4,000 individual studio-grade samples. The sample material was recorded through a DI for maximum sonic flexibility, retaining the distinctive original character of the instrument, and using round-wound strings for a bright and punchy sound. Specific "Player Profiles" for various genres as well as EQ and effect controls allow musicians and producers to further customize the sound and behavior of JAY-BASS to fit the musical context.

To provide all the intricacies of an actual electric bass guitar, JAY-BASS takes full advantage of the unique scripting features of KONTAKT, resulting in a performance that is virtually indistinguishable from a real professional bassist. Authentic articulations and playing techniques include hammer-ons, pull-offs, grace notes, various trills, mutes, harmonics, pickup hits, fret noises and much more, most of which are automatically triggered based on the note material. The fretboard display in KONTAKT and KONTAKT PLAYER shows the playing position and articulation of each note in real-time, with intelligent string selection and index finger/middle finger alternation as well as dedicated slide and chord modes that contribute to the unparalleled authenticity of the instrument.

Pricing and availability

SCARBEE JAY-BASS is available for download purchase in the NI Online Shop for \$89 / 79 €.

Further product information and press material

Additional information on SCARBEE JAY-BASS is available at

www.native-instruments.com/scarbee-jaybass.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 a leading manufacturer of software and hardware for computer-based music production and performance. The company's mission is to develop innovative, fully integrated solutions for all professions, 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 160 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.

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