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## **Native Instruments Introduces SCARBEE MM-BASS**

**New KONTAKT-Powered instrument recreates the distinctive tone of the acclaimed Musicman Sterling bass, available in DI and amp'd versions**

Berlin, October 26th, 2009 - Native Instruments today introduced SCARBEE MM-BASS, a new software instrument that provides an authentic rendition of the distinctive Musicman Sterling electric bass. MM-BASS is based on the acclaimed Scarbee Black Bass library, and is the latest release in the partnership between Native Instruments and sampling expert Thomas Hansen Skarbye.

Powered by the industry-leading KONTAKT engine and playable both via the free KONTAKT PLAYER or the full KONTAKT sampler, SCARBEE MM-BASS recreates the full sonic spectrum of the Sterling bass guitar, a modern classic whose characteristic tone has become a mainstay for funk, hip-hop, disco and similar groove-oriented genres. The instrument was created with assistance from seminal producer Nile Rodgers, and is available in two separate versions that address different musical applications and production requirements. The standard version was recorded through a DI box for a clean “funk” sound, and retains full flexibility for individual re-amping and further sound processing. The optional “Amped” version offers the choice between four different amp characteristics, providing various ready-to-record tones for rock, pop and urban genres.

All four strings of the original instrument have been expertly sampled in nine velocities, using flat-wound strings for a smooth vintage sound, resulting in 3 GB of studio-grade sample material for the regular version and 12 GB for the “Amped” version. 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 MM-BASS to fit the musical context.

To preserve all the intricacies of the real instrument, MM-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 MM-BASS is available for purchase in the NI Online Shop at \$89 / 79 € for the standard version and \$119 / 99 € for the “Amped” version.

### **Further product information and press material**

Additional information on SCARBEE MM-BASS is available at

[www.native-instruments.com/scarbee-mmbass.info](http://www.native-instruments.com/scarbee-mmbass.info)

A digital press kit including picture material is available at

[www.native-instruments.com/press.info](http://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 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.