

Press release – for immediate release

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

**New software instrument based on the KONTAKT engine provides authentic, highly expressive recreation of the most popular bass guitar**

Berlin, August 25th, 2009 – Native Instruments today introduced SCARBEE PRE-BASS, a new software instrument that provides a meticulous, highly musical rendition of the iconic Fender Precision bass. PRE-BASS is derived from the acclaimed Scarbee Blue Bass library, and the first release in the recently established development partnership between sampling expert Thomas Hansen Skarbye and Native Instruments.

Powered by the industry-leading KONTAKT engine and playable via the free KONTAKT PLAYER or the KONTAKT 3 sampler, SCARBEE PRE-BASS delivers the full sonic spectrum of the most popular bass guitar of all time, suitable for a universal array of musical styles from pop and rock to hip-hop, jazz, funk and beyond. 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, 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 producer to further customize the sound and behavior of PRE-BASS to fit the musical context.

To preserve all the acoustic intricacies of the real instrument, PRE-BASS takes full advantage of the unique scripting features of KONTAKT, resulting in a performance that is virtually indistinguishable from that of a real professional bassist. Authentic articulations and playing techniques include hammer-ons, pull-offs, grace notes, various trills, mutes, harmonics, pickup hits and fret noises and much more, most of which are automatically triggered based on the incoming 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 contributing to the unparalleled authenticity of the instrument.

### **Pricing and availability**

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

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

Additional information on SCARBEE PRE-BASS is available at

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