

Native Instruments Introduces SESSION STRINGS PRO

Significantly expanded version of the acclaimed KONTAKT-based instrument offers high-fidelity ensemble strings for pop productions

Berlin, May 26th, 2011 – Native Instruments has just introduced SESSION STRINGS PRO, a significantly extended version of the acclaimed SESSION STRINGS instrument. Based on Native Instruments' latest sampling technology and usable in KONTAKT or the free KONTAKT PLAYER, SESSION STRINGS PRO recreates a contemporary string section with maximum fidelity and versatility, and lends itself to sophisticated pop and dance productions across a wide variety of styles.

Produced by sampling expert Thomas Koritke of e-instruments and based on nearly 50 GB of samples, SESSION STRINGS PRO vastly expands on the original SESSION STRINGS library in every aspect of quality, flexibility and workflow. It is based on four separately captured 11-piece ensembles, representing contemporary and traditional instrument placements, and recorded in two different microphone positions each. The addition of true release samples and twice the amount of "round-robin" variation samples further enhance the sonic authenticity of the instrument, while the new bow noise parameter provides additional control over the sound.

The powerful Animator, based on the unique KSP scripting technology in KONTAKT, is now fully customizable in SESSION STRINGS PRO, allowing users to easily create individual rhythmical phrases with perfect timing and consistency. Twenty-nine specific articulations with up to four velocity layers provide the full expressiveness of a typical string section - with additional staccato, spiccato and glissando types as well as completely new trill articulations. Separate production and performance presets accommodate both studio and live usage of SESSION STRINGS PRO in the most efficient and convenient way. Furthermore, the violin, viola, cello and bass sections can now be played individually, allowing for significantly more varied and sophisticated string arrangement techniques.

Pricing and availability

SESSION STRINGS PRO is now available for a suggested price of \$339 / 299 EUR from authorized dealers and in the NI Online Shop. An upgrade for owners of SESSION STRINGS is available \$229 / 199 EUR.

Further product information and press material

Additional information on SESSION STRINGS PRO is available at

www.native-instruments.com/sessionstringspro

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 DJing. 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 musicians, producers and DJs. The company currently employs around 250 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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