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## **Native Instruments Introduces SESSION STRINGS**

**New KONTAKT-based software instrument delivers highly authentic, studio-quality acoustic string ensemble for contemporary music styles**

Berlin, June 14th, 2010 - Native Instruments today introduced SESSION STRINGS, a versatile virtual string ensemble for KONTAKT 4 and the free KONTAKT PLAYER. Brought to life through the advanced functionality of the KONTAKT platform, SESSION STRINGS provides charismatic, highly expressive acoustic string sounds for pop, soul, R&B, disco, house and other contemporary music styles.

SESSION STRINGS recreates a string ensemble comprising four violins, three violas, two celli and two double basses, captured and produced in one of Germany's most renowned recording studios by sampling expert Thomas Koritke's new sound design house e-instruments. All recordings were taken from exclusive instruments from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century, played by top musicians from some of the finest European orchestras, resulting in outstanding tone and articulations on the highest level of musical virtuosity.

By fully utilizing the advanced features of the KONTAKT platform, SESSION STRINGS puts the full expressive arsenal of a world-class string ensemble at the fingertips of the user. The individual instrument groups are mapped conveniently across the keyboard, with intelligent legato and glissando based on dedicated samples. Easily controllable falls, swoops and crescendo variations allow producers to create soulful and dynamic string licks with ease.

The authenticity and creative value of SESSION STRINGS is further enhanced through the unique and highly versatile "Animator". This powerful function can be engaged seamlessly during play to transform incoming notes into virtuous staccato, spiccato and pizzicato chords and arpeggios, with the timing and groove easily adjustable by the user, and while maintaining natural legato articulation at the same time. An integrated studio-grade convolution reverb also provides a variety of completely realistic room ambiances.

SESSION STRINGS also provides a full set of optional "Motown versions" for all included sounds, utilizing a special sonic treatment that authentically recreates the distinctive and highly sought-after vintage string sound of the legendary soul recordings from the 60s and 70s.

SESSION STRINGS is available for download purchase in the NI Online Shop for \$119 / 99 EUR.

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

Additional information on SESSION STRINGS is available at

[www.native-instruments.com/sessionstrings](http://www.native-instruments.com/sessionstrings)

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 producers, musicians and DJs. The company currently employs more than 200 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.