

## **Native Instruments Introduces HALCYON SKY Expansion for MASCHINE 2.0**

### **New MASCHINE 2.0 Expansion delivers the downtempo rhythms and introspective atmospheres of contemporary ambient electronica**

Berlin, December 18, 2013 – Native Instruments today released HALCYON SKY – a new MASCHINE Expansion delivering the downtempo rhythms, organic synths, and hazy atmospheres of contemporary ambient electronica. Designed exclusively for the MASCHINE 2.0 software, HALCYON SKY is the first MASCHINE expansion to feature exclusive presets for the PRISM synth – included in the MASCHINE 2.0 software update. HALCYON SKY also includes fresh presets for the highly successful MASSIVE synth and drum kits that take advantage of MASCHINE 2.0's powerful Drum Synths. HALCYON SKY is available now at the NI Online Shop for \$49 / 49 € / ¥ 4,800.

HALCYON SKY's 50 drum kits were created with a combination of sampled drums and new MASCHINE 2.0 Drum Synth presets. The samples were recorded exclusively for HALCYON SKY and contain a range of warm, saturated kicks, snares, and hats. Also included are 34 new presets for MASCHINE 2.0's Drum Synths. Because these sounds are synthesized, they can easily be reshaped on the fly – a major advantage of synthesis-based percussion.

For the first time in a MASCHINE Expansion, producers get exclusive presets for PRISM – NI's powerful modal synthesizer, now included in the MASCHINE 2.0 software update. The presets range from drifting atmospheric pads to plucked strings and expressive mallet instrument sounds that shift and breathe like acoustic instruments. New presets for Native Instruments' acclaimed MASSIVE synth provide subsonic basses, deep ambiences, crunchy leads, and warm synth washes. A set of organic loops featuring detuned chords, piano, mallets, and bells, plus spacious reverbs round out HALCYON SKY's melodic content.

HALCYON SKY was exclusively designed for the new MASCHINE 2.0 software features such as Drum Synths, sidechaining and plate reverb.

### **Pricing and availability**

HALCYON SKY is available now at the NI Online Shop for \$49 / 49 € / ¥ 4,800.

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

Additional information on RESONANT BLAZE is available at:  
[www.native-instruments.com/halcyonsky](http://www.native-instruments.com/halcyonsky)

Additional information on MASCHINE 2.0 is available at:  
[www.native-instruments.com/maschine](http://www.native-instruments.com/maschine)

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 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 over 350 people in its four offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo and Shenzhen and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.

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