NATIVE INSTRUMENTS Releases MASCHINE Software Update 2.6.8

Free software update introduces monophonic bass synth and isomorphic keyboard

August 22, 2017, Berlin - Native Instruments today releases the MASCHINE 2.6.8 software update, available free for all MASCHINE 2 customers. The update introduces a monophonic bass synth and an isomorphic keyboard.

The new MASCHINE bass synth lets users design and shape rich bass tones with intuitive, fun, and fully-automatable controls directly from the hardware. Users will be able to morph seamlessly from sine to saw to square -- and all spots in between – to create their own unique sounds. They can also load presets designed by professional sound designers to get bass tones for any genre, including booming sub-bass or dripping acid. MASCHINE JAM users can also program the signature glides and accents of classic acid directly from the hardware.

The bass synth does not replace popular products like MASSIVE and MONARK. Instead, it decreases the barrier of entry, allowing users with limited knowledge of synthesis to create beautiful bass tones using the workflow they know with the quality that comes with Native Instruments' acclaimed DSP expertise.

MASCHINE 2.6.8 also introduces an isomorphic keyboard mode to easily play harmonies and melodies on the MASCHINE JAM 8x8 grid. In this mode, the notes on the keyboard are only the notes from the scale. Additionally, each chord has its own hand shape – regardless of key – so users don't need to know musical theory to play with perfect pitch. Plus, it's easier to learn and play than on a traditional piano. Users can easily learn the shape for a chord in one key, and use the same shape in another. A chord guide is available as a free, downloadable PDF to help kickstart the learning process.

Pricing and availability

MASCHINE 2.6.8 is available free for MASCHINE 2 owners.

Further product information and press material

For the latest MASCHINE offers and updates head to:
www.native-instruments.com/products/maschine/production-systems/maschine/

The chord guide to kickstart the learning process is available at:
www.native-instruments.com/fileadmin/ni_media/downloads/manuals/maschine_2_6_8/MASCHINE_JAM_2_6_8_ChordGuide_EN.pdf

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 more than 400 people in its six offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo, London, Paris, and Shenzhen and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.

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