

Native Instruments introduces RISING CRESCENT MASCHINE Expansion

First MASCHINE Expansion to explore the sounds of Mediterranean music cultures

Berlin, March 30, 2016 – Native Instruments today introduced RISING CRESCENT – the first MASCHINE Expansion to explore the sounds and rhythms of the modern orient. RISING CRESCENT pulls from musical cultures in and around the Mediterranean and combines them with modern bass production techniques. The expansion is aimed at producers of all genres in search of fresh, non-western flavors to add to their music. RISING CRESCENT runs in the latest MASCHINE software on MASCHINE STUDIO, MASCHINE, or MASCHINE MIKRO and is available exclusively at the NI Online Shop. A compact version for iMASCHINE is also available via the iMASCHINE in-app store.

RISING CRESCENT comprises a sample library of expertly recorded instruments from the Aegean, the Balkans, the Middle East, and India. The sample set includes instruments such as the darbuka, daouli, hand drums, micro-percussive cymbals, rare Cretan lutes, and more. Complementing this more traditional sound set are new presets for NI's renowned MASSIVE, REAKTOR PRISM, and MASCHINE Drum Synths, adding the deep low end and synthetic textures contemporary bass music for an exotic new hybrid flavor. RISING CRESCENT was produced by John Valasis, creator of the hardline techno-influenced GREY FORGE MASCHINE Expansion.

A compact version of RISING CRESCENT is also available as an iMASCHINE Expansion, for creating beats on the go. Tracks can be exported to MASCHINE STUDIO, MASCHINE, and MASCHINE MIKRO for completion.

Pricing and availability

RISING CRESCENT is available now at the NI Online Shop for \$49 / 49 € / £44 / ¥ 6,820 / AU\$ 79 and runs in the MASCHINE 2 software.

The iMASCHINE expansion is available at the iMASCHINE in-app store for \$0.99 / 0,89 € / £0.79 / ¥ 100 / AU\$ 1.29.

Further product information and press material

Additional information on RISING CRESCENT is available at:
www.native-instruments.com/risingcrescent

More information on John Valasis is available at:
<http://www.johnvalasis.com/>

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

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