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Native Instruments reveals new range of entry-level hardware: KOMplete KONTROL A-Series, MASCHINE MIKRO, and TRAKTOR KONTROL S2

Fall 2018 sees the arrival of a new generation of entry-level hardware for production, performance, and DJing – bringing pro experiences and innovation down to new, lower price points

September 6, 2018, Berlin – Native Instruments announces new entry-level hardware across all three brands, MASCHINE, KOMplete, and TRAKTOR for music production, performance, and DJing. This includes the KOMplete KONTROL A-Series – a new line of affordable, smart keyboard controllers, and the third generations of MASCHINE MIKRO and TRAKTOR KONTROL S2.

Based on the success of last year's MASCHINE Mk3 and KOMplete KONTROL S-Series Mk2, the MASCHINE MIKRO and KOMplete KONTROL A-Series are designed for laptop-based producers and musicians looking to get more serious and extend their workflow into hands-on hardware. Both bring pro-level features and innovation – such as NKS integration with MASCHINE and KOMplete instruments and effects – down to new, lower price points, offering affordable entry points into the NI universe.

Echoing the unified design language of the MASCHINE Mk3 and KOMplete KONTROL S-Series Mk2, the new MIKRO and A-Series keyboards are the culmination of extensive user feedback and research. The resulting products are two streamlined, highly-playable instruments with a focus on getting ideas down fast.

KOMplete KONTROL A-Series

The KOMplete KONTROL A-Series are an all-new line of keyboards coming in three sizes: 25, 49, or 61 keys. Combining streamlined designs with intelligent workflows, they make it easy for music makers to create, perform, and capture ideas straight from their keyboard. By bringing best-in-class semi-weighted keybeds and innovative features from the flagship S-Series down to a new, lower price point, the A-Series offers music makers of all genres an accessible gateway to hands-on production and performance.

KOMplete KONTROL A-Series keyboards integrate perfectly with a range of popular DAWs and come pre-mapped to all KOMplete Instruments and Effects, as well as hundreds of NKS plug-ins from over 75 leading manufacturers. Right out the box, the A-Series gives musicians everything they need to start creating, with MASCHINE Essentials included alongside an inspiring collection of pro-grade instruments from NI, including MONARK, THE GENTLEMAN, REAKTOR PRISM, and SCARBEE MARK I. With three sizes to choose from, the A-Series makes an ideal addition to any setup – bedroom, studio, or stage.

MASCHINE MIKRO

MASCHINE MIKRO is a flexible, compact beatmaking companion, now in its third generation. All-new bigger pads, based on those of the popular MASCHINE Mk3, make tapping out beats, playing melodies, and building up tracks a more fun and hands-on experience. The addition of a Smart Strip provides new ways of playing with MIKRO – by sliding fingers across the strip it's possible to strum and bend sounds, and get creative with effects in real-time.

MASCHINE MIKRO comes bundled with MASCHINE Factory Selection – 1.6 GB of sounds, kits, samples, effects, and instruments, designed to give musicians and producers everything they need to start making music. Also included are full versions of the popular NI synths MASSIVE, MONARK, and REAKTOR PRISM. The MASCHINE software can be used standalone, or with any DAW, meaning that MIKRO fits easily into any music-making workflow – all while costing significantly less than previous generations.

The release of MIKRO also brings an all-new experience for getting started with MASCHINE. Whether making their first beat, or brushing up on the basics, NI's comprehensive guides for getting started mean it has never been easier for musicians and producers to take the first steps on their MASCHINE journey.

TRAKTOR KONTROL S2

The MIKRO and A-Series Keyboards are complemented by the arrival of new entry-level DJ hardware, the TRAKTOR KONTROL S2, a portable 2-channel DJ system that gives DJs everything they need to easily create powerful sets with FX, samples, and more. The TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 also includes a full version of the new TRAKTOR PRO 3 software.

The TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 has undergone a complete redesign, with a visual language that aligns closely with TRAKTOR's club-standard heritage. The system features 16 RGB pads for triggering samples and loops, as well as for setting and triggering cue points. It also provides full integration with Mixer FX in TRAKTOR PRO 3, with a dedicated control section on each channel.

Nine game-changing new products, major updates to online platforms

The launch of the KOMPLETE KONTROL A-Series, MASCHINE MIKRO, and TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 are part of the largest release in Native Instruments' 22-year history, also featuring the arrival of new TRAKTOR hardware and software, the KOMPLETE KONTROL S88 Mk2 production hardware, KONTAKT 6, KOMPLETE 12, MASSIVE X, and more.

The Fall 2018 announcements mark a key milestone on Native Instruments' path to becoming a true platform provider for the whole music creation industry. The company's portfolio is expanding significantly to include products for creators of all styles and abilities, complementary online services, new educational content to guide experiences, and a range of affordable and intuitive entry level production and performance products.

Video and more information is available at [native-instruments.com/for-the-music-in-you](https://www.native-instruments.com/for-the-music-in-you).

A press kit with images, videos, and product fact sheets is available [here](#).

Further information can be found in the following press releases:

- [Native Instruments unveils nine game-changing new products, major updates to online platforms](#)
- [Native Instruments announces KOMplete KONTROL S88 Mk2, KOMplete 12, MASSIVE X, KONTAKT 6](#)
- [Native Instruments announces next generation of TRAKTOR KONTROL S2 and S4 DJ systems alongside TRAKTOR PRO 3](#)
- [Native Instruments announces major updates to three online platforms](#)

Pricing and availability

KOMPLETE KONTROL A-SERIES:	<p>A new line of affordable keyboards with a best-in-class NI keybeds and informative OLED displays.</p> <p>Available October 23, 2018</p> <p>A25: 149 USD, 149 EUR, 18,800 JPY, 119 GBP, 199 CAD, 1099 CYN</p> <p>A49: 199 USD, 199 EUR, 24,800 JPY, 159 GBP, 259 CAD, 1699 CYN</p> <p>A61: 249 USD, 249 EUR, 31,800 JPY, 199 GBP, 329 CAD, 1999 CYN</p>
MASCHINE MIKRO:	<p>A compact beat-making companion that quickly takes users from the creative spark to the finished beat.</p> <p>Available September 18, 2018</p> <p>249 USD, 249 EUR, 31800 JPY, 199 GBP, 379 AUD, 329 CAD, 1999 CYN.</p>
TRAKTOR KONTROL S2:	<p>A DJ controller built for the beach, the bus, the airport, and anywhere else you can take a backpack.</p> <p>Available fall 2018</p> <p>299 USD, 299 EUR, 37800 JPY, 239 GBP, 439 AUD, 399 CAD, 2299 CNY</p>

About Native Instruments

Native Instruments is the industry leader in innovative, software, hardware and digital services for music creation, production, and DJing. Founded in 1996, the company pioneered the application of real-time sound synthesis on standard computers.

Today, NI caters to producers, performers, and DJs with a comprehensive ecosystem of connected hardware and software systems: KOMPLETE, the industry-leading collection of virtual instruments and effects, complemented by a range of keyboard controllers and audio interfaces; MASCHINE, a powerful range of beat-making instruments now at the heart of hip-hop and electronic music communities; and TRAKTOR, the first DJ software to conquer the club, and now a range of integrated controllers that power house parties, club booths, and the world's biggest stages.

In 2018, Native Instruments launched Sounds.com, a market-leading online subscription platform for loops and samples that also creates new revenue and promotion opportunities for individuals, brands, and business across the music industry. Along with recent acquisitions of Metapop and The Loop Loft, these three online platforms further enhance NI's ecosystem for music creation and community.

Based in the heart of the German capital's creative hub, the company currently employs more than 400 people in its seven offices in Berlin, Los Angeles, Tokyo, London, Toronto, Paris, and Shenzhen, and works closely with more than 40 international distribution partners to ensure its future growth and success.