

# KEYSUITE ACOUSTIC

# Software User Manual

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## Introduction



#### Key Suite Acoustic The Essential Keys Collection

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The result of over 20 years in making sample-based instruments, Key Suite Acoustic was designed to be your desert-island acoustic keyboard library. Enjoy a wealth of deeply-sampled and immaculately recorded instruments with a level of sound quality and control you'd only expect to find in a professional recording studio. From dynamic and powerful concert grand pianos to the charactered sounds of the celesta and harpsichord, there's something special for every project - and with multiple mic signals, customizable envelopes, filters and a pro-grade effect chain to polish your sound, you may never reach for another acoustic key library again!

#### Exceptional Instruments with Real Character

Every physical instrument has its own sound and unique character, and that's part of what makes this collection so special. Each instrument in Key Suite Acoustic was auditioned by our sound designers and chosen specifically for its exceptional tone and musicality, bringing new life to your music with characterful sounds rich in depth and detail.

#### Deeply-Sampled with the Finest Equipment

We've gone the distance to create the finest quality recordings and most reliable engine possible. Applying our 20+ years experience in the field you'll hear the difference right away, from the knowledgeable choices in microphones, placement, converters and processing, to the natural response from deep multisampling and precision editing, we've worked hard to ensure Key Suite Acoustic delivers 'that' sound right from the start.

#### Professional Sound at Your Fingertips

Great instruments and recordings are only the beginning, with Key Suite Acoustic we've created a library that delivers not only pristine sound but a fast and flexible interface for sculpting it in any way you need. From adjusting individual microphone levels to a professional-grade effect rack with impulse response processor, multi-band EQ, digital delay, multimode modulation, and reverb, you'll find the right sound for any situation, any arrangement, and any style, from classical to experimental and beyond.

Included Instruments:

- GRAND PIANOS
- Model D, F Grand, Japanese C7, Hybrid Custom, Baby Grand
- UPRIGHT PIANOS

Grand Upright, German Upright, Tender Upright, Tack Upright, Honky-Tonk Upright, The Compact

- PLUCKED STRINGS

Harpsichord, Clavichord, Spinet, Blanchet Cembalo

- METALLOPHONE

Celesta, Keyboard Glockenspiel, Papageno Bells, J-Celeste, Dulcitone

We've poured all of our experience and thousands of hours of work into developing Key Suite Acoustic, giving you a deep and detailed collection of acoustic key instruments ready to simplify your workflow and enhance and accentuate your music for years to come.

Minimum System Requirements

- Latest version of UVI Workstation or Falcon
- 12.6 GB of disk space

For more information on the installation process, please refer to the document: <u>Soundbank Installation Guide</u>

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## MAIN Page



#### 1 **Page Navigation**

Navigate between 3 pages of controls: Main, Edit and Effects

#### 2 Velocity

Adjust the MIDI velocity curve that affects the note's volume and timbre

Click and drag to set the curve, or double click to set the curve numerically (0 = linear)

#### 3 Microphones

Sets the microphones signal if available for the instrument

- » ON/OFF Power mic on/off
- » Volume Adjust the level of the mic





### EDIT Page



#### Amplitude Envelope 1

#### ADSR »

Typical Attack/Decay/Sustain/Release envelope control for amplitude

- Velocity » Adjust the amp velocity sensitivity
- > Attack » Remaps Attack to Note Velocity
- 2 Filter
- Power Filter On/Off
- » Mode Multimode filter can be set to low-pass

(LP), band-pass (BP), or high-pass [HP]

Frequency » Filter cutoff frequency

#### Resonance » Filter resonance amount

#### 3 Filter Envelope ADSR »

Typical Attack/Decay/Sustain/Release envelope control for filter

- Depth » Adjust the amount that the envelope modulates the filter
- Velocity » Remaps Filter Cutoff to Note Velocity
- 4 Tone Changes tonal-color based on the adjacent samples

#### 5 Pitch

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Mono Switch between mono and poly modes »

Time Sets the glide time

Depth Sets the depth in semitones of pitch envelope when in poly mode

#### 6 Modwheel

#### Power/Amount

Easily route your controllers Modwheel to control common parameters such as Vibrato, Tremolo and Filter Depth

- 7 Volumes
- Sustain Adjust volume of sustain sound
- Release » Adjust volume of key release sound
- Sympathetic »

Adjust volume of sympathetic resonance sound

» Pedal

Adjust volume of pedal action sound Note: Available controls depends on the instrument

8 Polyphony

Sets the number of voices per layer

Note: For users wishing to use less CPU, setting the release and sympathetic volumes to zero will free up voices





# EDIT Page - Harpsichord



#### 1 **Registers**

Click to enable or disable the register

- » Quatre Pieds Enables the 4' strings
- » Huit Pieds Enables the 8' strings
- » Luth Enables the mute sound of 8' strings
- » Huit Pieds 2 Enables the second 8' strings

2 **Transpose** 

Sets the transposition of the keyboards

3 **Polyphony** Sets the number of voices per layer





## EFFECTS Page



1 **IR**(Convolver)

Mix Adjust the reverb mix amount

» IR

»

Select an impulse response for the cabinet

» Power - Effect On/Off

#### 2 🕨 Drive & Equalizer

**Tone** Adjust the brightness of drive

- » Drive Adjust the amount of drive
- » IN Drive On/Off
- » Low

Adjust level of low frequency range

- » Crossover Freq Low/Mid Adjust low and mid-band separation frequency
- » Mid Adjust level of middle frequency range
- » High Adjust level of high frequency range
- » Crossover Freq Mid/High Adjust high and mid-band separation frequency
- » IN Equalizer On/Off

- 3 Stereo Modulator
  - **Mode** Select the modulation effect type
- » Speed Adjust the modulation speed
- » Feedback Adjust the feedback amount
- » Depth Adjust the modulation depth
- » Mix Adjust dry/wet mix amount
- » Distance Adjust the distance of the mics from the speaker cabinet
- » Horn Volume Adjust the level of the horn speakers
- » Drum Volume Adjust the level of the drum speaker
- » Power Effect On/Off Note: Available controls depend on the

effect type

- 4 🕨 Delay
- Rate
  Adjust delay time (short to long)
- » Feedback Adjust feedback amount
- » Mix Adjust dry/wet mix amount
- » LP Adjust high frequency roll off of the delay effect
- » HP

Adjust low frequency damping of the delay effect

- » Power Effect On/Off
- 5 **Sparkverb**
- » Mix Adjust dry/wet mix amount
- » Size Adjust the size of the reverb space
- » Low Adjust the low decay multiplier
- Decay Adjust the decay time of the reverb
- » High

Adjust the high decay multiplier

» Power - Effect On/Off







### **GRAND PIANOS**



#### Model D

The renowned Steinway Concert Grand Model D, recorded in one of the finest studios in the world (Guillaume Tell in Paris) we utilized a number of microphones including the Neumann U67 to deliver a warm and majestic sound.



#### Japanese C7

The elegant Yamaha C7 Concert Grand Piano. Having found a particularly charactered model we recorded it as-is to underscore the special nuances that make its voice unique. An excellent choice for the musician looking for a magnetic concert grand; we find it delivers the perfect tones for contemporary jazz, rock and pop.



#### Baby Grand

A 1930's Erard Baby Grand captured on location to preserve its unique warmth and history. A rare and fascinating piano its tones bring the past to life, imparting a sense of mystery and longing.



#### F Grand

After auditioning a number of models built by the most famous Italian piano manufacturer, we found a particular instrument and the perfect room to have a singularly beautiful response and musicality. One of our favorites.



#### Hybrid Custom

Exclusive to UVI, this custom piano was built utilizing parts from Yamaha, Steinway and Bösendorfer to create a truly unique and powerful sound. Recorded with Royer, BK and Neumann mics.







### **UPRIGHT PIANOS**



#### Grand Upright

A rare 100-year old Steinway Grand Upright, refurbished and recorded with a multi-mic configuration allowing for deep tonal control - an exquisite sound from a vintage gem.



#### Tender Upright

Recorded on-location in South Africa, this Blüthner resounds with a tender tone and unique sound uncommon to grands, great for intimate pop and soft passages.



### Honky-Tonk Upright

The classic spaghetti western saloon upright complete with natural detune, recorded with vintage mics and preamps for an authentic and charactered sound.



#### German Upright

The Seiler Upright Grand delivers an exacting and detailed sound yet retains the warmth and personal qualities you'd expect from an upright, a truly versatile instrument.



#### Tack Upright

An antique upright with well-worn strings and the hammers prepared with brass tacks, this piano offers a warm and charactered tone with a slightly percussive quality.



#### The Compact

The Ostlind Compact is a small 5-octave piano, full of charm and a slight natural detune. If you're looking for the piano sound of a secluded back-alley club look no further.







### PLUCKED STRINGS



#### Harpsichord

Produced by our friends at AcousticSamples, this UVI-exclusive offers what may be the definitive virtual harpsichord, deeply sampled and expertly programmed for a wonderful sound.



#### Spinet

The Spinet is a small, boutique piano. As such the tonal quality is narrow and the action is more audible. A charactered instrument with a distinct sound.



#### Clavichord

The ancestor of the clavinet, the Clavichord has a distinctly Baroque sound to it perfect for classical, a period-piece score or a haunting accompaniment.



#### Blanchet Cembalo

Built by Ferdinando Granziera in Milano, Italy the Blanchet Cembalo is a perfect reproduction of a Blanchet harpsichord, renowned instruments with a timeless quality.







### METALLOPHONE



#### Celesta

Perfect for classical, opera, and modern themes, this Celesta by Schiedmayer delivers a historic sound with brilliant charm and exacting detail.



#### Papageno Bells

A reproduction of the original from 1750 using original parts, the Papageno Bells deliver a clear and brilliant sound used most famously by Mozart.



#### Keyboard Glockenspiel

A very rare Mustel keyboard glockenspiel, this particular instrument was built to specification for the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and can be heard in many of their recordings.



#### J-Celeste

This 3-octave road-cased JenCo Celesta was close-miked in mono for a charming and charactered take on the classic celeste sound.



#### Dulcitone

Designed in the 1860's, the precursor to the Rhodes electric pianos produces sound by the striking of tuning forks with felted hammers - deeply-sampled and rich with detail.



## Preset List

#### **Grand Pianos**

Baby Grand BG Basic Dry BG Basic Hall BG Mellow Dark BG Modern Bright BG Phasor Tint BG Radio FX BG Romantic BG Rotary Wheel Hybrid Custom

HC Basic Dry HC Basic Hall HC Mellow Dark HC Modern Bright HC Phasor Tint HC Radio FX HC Romantic HC Rotary Wheel

Italian F278 IT Basic Dry IT Basic Hall IT Mellow Dark IT Modern Bright IT Phasor Tint IT Radio FX IT Romantic IT Rotary Wheel

Japanese C7 JPN Basic Dry JPN Basic Hall JPN Mellow Dark JPN Modern Bright JPN Phasor Tint JPN Radio FX JPN Romantic JPN Rotary Wheel

#### Model D

MD Basic Dry MD Basic Hall MD Mellow Dark MD Modern Bright MD Phasor Tint MD Radio FX MD Romantic MD Rotary Wheel

#### **Upright Pianos**

German Upright GER Basic Dry GER Basic Hall GER Mellow Dark GER Modern Bright GER Phasor Tint GER Radio FX GER Romantic GER Rotary Wheel

- Grand Upright GU Basic Dry GU Basic Hall GU Mellow Dark GU Modern Bright GU Phasor Tint GU Radio FX GU Romantic GU Rotary Wheel
- Honky-Tonk HTK Basic Dry HTK Basic Hall HTK Mellow Dark HTK Modern Bright HTK Phasor Tint HTK Radio FX HTK Romantic HTK Rotary Wheel

#### Tender

TDR Basic Dry TDR Basic Hall TDR Mellow Dark TDR Modern Bright TDR Phasor Tint TDR Radio FX TDR Romantic TDR Rotary Wheel

- The Compact TC Basic Dry
  - TC Basic Hall TC Mellow Dark TC Modern Bright TC Phasor Tint TC Radio FX TC Romantic TC Rotary Wheel

#### **Plucked Strings**

Blancher Cembalo BC Basic Dry BC Basic Hall BC Mellow Dark BC Modern Bright BC Phasor Tint BC Radio FX BC Romantic BC Rotary Wheel Clavichord CC Basic Dry CC Basic Hall CC Mellow Dark CC Modern Bright CC Phasor Tint CC Radio FX CC Romantic

#### Metallophone

Dulcitone Celesta J-Celeste Keyboard Glockenspiel Papageno Bells

CC Rotary Wheel Spinet SP Basic Dry SP Basic Hall SP Mellow Dark SP Modern Bright SP Phasor Tint SP Radio FX SP Romantic SP Rotary Wheel

Harsichord

HCD Basic Dry HCD Basic Hall HCD Mellow Dark HCD Modern Bright HCD Phasor Tint HCD Radio FX HCD Romantic HCD Rotary Wheel







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