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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sun, 14 May 2006 14:56:22 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 14 May 2006 16:23:52 GMT

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Don,

For me at least, part of the beauty of micing a kit is the bleed of one mic into another.....sort of like a glue that keeps the entire instrument (the instrument being the entire kit) coherent.

YMMV.....this is strictly my view of it. BFD can do this though. That's what's so cool about it. At some point I'll probably buy a kit for the studio and load it up with good midi triggers, but also, there is hope on the horizon since Drumagog has a BFD version that triggers BFD samples directly from the BFD VSTi so you could, in theory just mic up a bunch of cardboard boxes and then replace the sound with BFD samples. I was beta testing this for a while but had to drop out due to other commitments. I'm going to revisit it soon though. It worked very well at 1.5 and 3ms latency in cubase SX. Unfortunately, this isn't good enough for prime time in a big mix unless you're on a dual Opteron and don't have to worry about buffers.

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