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Posted by [Kim](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 01:50:54 GMT

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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 02:25:42 GMT
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Thanks Kim

For your interest and effort.

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Posted by [Jeff H](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 03:43:43 GMT
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 03:59:44 GMT
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Subject: Re: Group peace and harmony - Vegemite
Posted by [Kim](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 05:30:10 GMT
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"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote:
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Hehe. It's been totally on my list but I can only get to the post office really on a Saturday morning. I'll try and get it away this weekend. It's just that there's a lot which I can only do Saturday mornings, so it hasn't made it to the top of the list yet.

I'll make a special effort. I haven't forgotten. :o)

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Subject: Re: Group peace and harmony - Firefox Plugin Box
Posted by [Kim](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 05:32:49 GMT
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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 10:57:02 GMT
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Yes I use LiquidMix on a Mac with Logic. I do like it, but am tired of using 2 apps/computers in the workflow. LiquidMix/Duende won't work under Mac OS 9.2 but will work in XP, which Paris also will work in. Hence my inquiry, I would switch from Mac to PC if these external firewire plugin boxes will play nice with Paris and a PC at the same time.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 14:35:58 GMT
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 16:50:16 GMT
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i want ice cream !

Subject: Re: Group peace and harmony.
Posted by [erlilo](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 18:05:41 GMT
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it's too cold on your thicker skin!-)

"John" <no@no.com> skrev i en meddelelse news:48208c48\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: Group peace and harmony - Firefox Plugin Box
Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 21:13:45 GMT
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FWIW I've been using the LiquidMix more of late and think it sounds fantastic.
The interface is a little less than fantastic (I'd like to have reasonable
copies of the units modeled instead of one interface for everything), but
the sound quality is up there and in some cases I think better than UAD plugs.

Great for rock'n'roll where an EQ and comp on every channel isn't uncommon.
Nos so useful for electronica, dub, techno, etc. and so forth.

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 06 May 2008 22:01:20 GMT

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And for you sir erlilo I give you my most powerful word.

Unflappable

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 11:55:05 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 07 May 2008 12:27:35 GMT
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"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 02:20:09 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 10:39:46 GMT
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 13:41:51 GMT
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