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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sat, 17 Feb 2007 21:55:23 GMT

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Posted by [Paul Artola](#) on Sun, 18 Feb 2007 07:05:25 GMT
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Not Chris here, but I would highly recommend looking at the Muse Receptor if you are considering building a new system for VSTi.

- Paul Artola
Ellicott City, Maryland

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Hi Brandon,

It will depend on which ones your thinking about using.

Off the top of my head these are ones I know are fairly system intensive. It's mostly the multi-layer sample based ones that can really push the system.

Ivory

BFD

NI Reaktor

NI Absynth

East West Quantum leap Orchestral

NI Akoustic Piano

AAS Tassman

WAves IR

Altiverb

Too name a few

That said you can use any one one of these to some extent. but you may have to do some track freeze/ bounce downs along the way depending on how deep you get into them. This is a fairly quick and easy thing to do in Cubase.

Any major improvement would mean practically a new system. I would wait till you see if the machine you got can do what you need it to do. Your gonna have enought things to keep you busy learning a new software.

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Regarding latency, i got the 9652 rme and have all 3 going in the adats.

That's an expensive card \$500 or so but I know latency is a big deal.

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The Focusrite Sapphire Pro is the only other in that price range with similar features. It doesn't have the routing features of the Presonus but has the same number of I/O.

In the long run I think you really better off going with the MOTU and RME products.

If the the budget is an issues then I would recommend.

Any of these would work in that budget and give you the cuemix controls similar to Presonus and RME.

1x MOTU 8Pre
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\$1080.00
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or

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Posted by [audioguy_editout_](#) on Sun, 18 Feb 2007 18:18:12 GMT

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You could then mouse around with the *entire cue mix* from one point without having to switch windows. These software developers have obviously never worked a session with 20 to 30 inputs (or more) and 4 or more stereo cue mixes spanning several rooms... Even PTHD sucks at this without a controller.

</RANT>

So, with an external mixer like a 16ch A&H MixWizard, you could route all 16 outs from your D/A's to the 16 inputs on the mixer. You then have "knobs" in front of you for up to 4 mono cue mixes, FX while tracking, and "faders" to adjust your monitoring mix. All this using "direct monitoring" for no latency. Will you have mix recall capability... No. Will you be able to create a rough mix ITB while tracking... No. It WILL save you hours of grief and frustration, and the musicians can get on with creating music instead of waiting for you to create their mixes. This, IMHO, is the ONLY way to work if you are dealing with full bands on a regular basis. Even with Paris, I used the main mix as my cue mix, and offered only a single HP mix.

This is one of the main reasons we purchased the DM2K for the studio, comprehensive cue mixing, digital routing between computers and pres/convertors, and (bonus) saving of all settings with the project through the Studio Manager software built into Nuendo.

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Subject: Re: Its a done deal...

Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Tue, 20 Feb 2007 17:43:23 GMT

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I hear you man. It kills me, because I am normally deep voodoo uncommonly good at solving software, hardware and driver problems.

I'm glad all of you guys have solid rigs, but my cubase, firewire experience has left me never wanting to touch a computer again. I honestly get a pit in my stomache when I think about recording. And it aint just pre-sonus.

I have been through so much crap with this shit that it kills me. I had a little midiman keyboard with lots of faders and knobs and stuff that was perfect for B4, had a working template that mapped everything to the draw pulls and knobs on the B4.

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This is of course all over the course of months/years. I don't get more than 10 minutes of un-interrupted time anymore, and when I do I can't even play a f**** midi piano.

So I play the real thing, which I love, and think to myself how much I would like to record the tune I'm playing. That gets me depressed so I knock off and head upstairs.

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-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

chuck duffy wrote:

> I hear you man. It kills me, because I am normally deep voodoo uncommonly
> good at solving software, hardware and driver problems.
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> I'm glad all of you guys have solid rigs, but my cubase, firewire experience
> has left me never wanting to touch a computer again. I honestly get a pit
> in my stomache when I think about recording. And it aint just pre-sonus.
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> a little midiman keyboard with lots of faders and knobs and stuff that was
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> This is of course all over the course of months/years. I don't get more
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> So I play the real thing, which I love, and think to myself how much I would
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Interesting thread for sure.

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Chuck

EK Sound <askme@nospam.com> wrote:

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Wed, 21 Feb 2007 06:06:28 GMT

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>>> >>> to the device every time I wanted to play. I memorized the 13
>>keystrokes
>>> >>> required, but then didn't play for a while and forgot, broke out
the
>>> manual
>>> >>> and said f*** it and gave up.
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>>> >>> A critical hard drive died, without backup and I lost half my projects
>>> >that
>>> >>> I wanted to finish after a 10 year hiatus from actually doing any
>>serious
>>> >>> recording. 10% of the ones that I didn't loose are corrupt paris
>>projects
>>> >>> for whatever reason.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> Got a new computer, reloaded paris JUST TO EXPORT and fought with
>1/1
>>> >initialization
>>> >>> for half a day. Then got it running and faced the real world for
>a
>>couple
>>> >>> of weeks, returned to find that the demo had expired and I couldn't
>>find
>>> >>> antipace.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> Went to use GIGA on the new computer and worked through their warped

>>> re-authorization
>>> >>> process that involved me removing hacking the registry for everything
>>> >I had
>>> >>> just re-installed. Figured out how to get the GSIF drivers working
>>and
>>> >outputting
>>> >>> SPDIF from an ECHO MIA. Couldn't reliably get the pre-sonus and
MIA
>>> to
>>> >sync
>>> >>> with sp/dif so gave up and decided to go analog.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> Got it working and noticed that the piano sounded like absolute shit.
>>> > All
>>> >>> phasey and wierd. Discovered that the pre-sonus doesn't pan in
>>standalone
>>> >>> mode, so it was simply layering the LR giga output together.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> Fire up cubase and find that the only latency that stops the
>>stuttering
>>> >and
>>> >>> chattering of TWO CHANNELS OF 44.1 K won't let me play the damn thing
>>> >in
>>> >>> real time.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> This is of course all over the course of months/years. I don't get
>>more
>>> >>> than 10 minutes of un-interrupted time anymore, and when I do I can't
>>> >even
>>> >>> play a f**** midi piano.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> So I play the real thing, which I love, and think to myself how much
>>> I
>>> >would
>>> >>> like to record the tune I'm playing. That gets me depressed so I
>>knock
>>> >off
>>> >>> and head upstairs.
>>> >>>
>>> >>> My new tee shirt is gonna read 'i'll record when i'm dead'
>>> >>>
>>> >>> Chuck
>>> >>>
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>>> >>> "Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote:

>>> >>>> See? This is the kind of crap I bitched about before...
>>> >>>> companies putting stuff out on the market that doesn't work with
>>> >>>> half of what it's "supposed" to interface with, or putting it
>>> >>>> out before it's ready, causing everyone who buys it to become an
>>> >>>> unwitting beta-tester.
>>> >>>>
>>> >>>> Thad, you disagreed with my stance on this before, but being a
>>> >>>> systems guy for a living, you have to agree that this is WAY
>>> >>>> more rampant in the audio field than it is in any other... I
>>> >>>> mean, how many times have you gotten a new piece of gear in at
>>> >>>> work, and find it simply doesn't work as advertised? As often as
>>> >>>> we encounter this sort of thing in the audio realm?
>>> >>>>
>>> >>>> Neil
>>> >>>>
>>> >>>> Neil
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>>> >>>> "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>> Actually, two different laptops using the on-board fire-wire and
>>with
>>> >a
>>> >>>>> PCMCIA
>>> >>>>> firewire interface. One desktop using on-board firewire and PCI
>>firewire.
>>> >>>>>
>>> >>>>> Chuck
>>> >>>>>
>>> >>>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>>> Sorry you're having so much trouble with it, Chuck. Maybe I'm
just
>>> >getting
>>> >>>>>>> lucky, or maybe the hardware is scared of not working around me.
>>Are
>>> >you
>>> >>>>>>> using it on a desktop or laptop?
>>> >>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>> TCB
>>> >>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>> "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>>>>> Thad,
>>> >>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>> I don't know about the general opinion, since I haven't done
much
>>> >research,
>>> >>>>>>>>> but my personal experience with the Firepod has been a disaster.
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>>> >Snaps,
>>> >>>>>> crackles, pops, lockups, usable only at unplayable latencies
>>(figure
>>> >>> that
>>> >>>>>> out :-)). Two different computers, three different chipsets,
>all
>>> >the
>>> >>>> driver
>>> >>>>>> revs. Extremely inflexible live monitoring, lack of panning
when
>>> >used
>>> >>>>>> in
>>> >>>>>>> standalone mode. The list goes on and on, and I've basically
>>given
>>> >up
>>> >>>>>> on
>>> >>>>>>> recording because I can't afford the time or the money to research
>>> >and
>>> >>>>>> buy
>>> >>>>>>> something different.
>>> >>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>> Chuck
>>> >>>>>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>>>>> But there seems to be this general opinion that there is
>>something
>>> >'wrong'
>>> >>>>>>>> with the driver in all cases. Needing to have the right chipset
>>> for
>>> >>> an
>>> >>>>>>> esoteric
>>> >>>>>>>> third party add-on is a mild pain and something that should
be
>>known,
>>> >>>>>>> but
>>> >>>>>>>>> the idea that the Presonus gear doesn't work correctly or has
>>'bad
>>> >drivers'
>>> >>>>>>>>> is just bosh. I'm not saying you were implying this, but I've
>>started
>>> >>>>>>> to
>>> >>>>>>>>> hear/read that in various places.
>>> >>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>> TCB
>>> >>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>>>>>>>> I've had a Firebox for a while and have only ever had problems
>>> with
>>> >>>> it

>>> >>>>>>>>>> for Amy's new PC, just so she can plug in a guitar and mic
>and
>>> >record
>>> >>>>>>>> a
>>> >>>>>>>>>> vocal/guitar track to a click when she feels a song coming
>on.
>>> >The
>>> >>>>> thing
>>> >>>>>>>>>> that appeals to me about this is that it is small/simple
(at
>>> least
>>> >>>>> appears
>>> >>>>>>>>>> to be), has a couple of preamps and is bundled with Cubase
>SE
>>> >so
>>> >>> our
>>> >>>>>>>>>> platforms are compatible and I can grab the project/tracks
>on
>>> >the
>>> >>>>> network
>>> >>>>>>>>>> >from the main DAW in the studio and import them.
>>> >>>>>>>>>> Is the Presonus driver so shabby that it would not be usable
>>> for
>>> >>> simple
>>> >>>>>>>>>> stuff like this? She will be using my old DAW rig for her
>new
>>> >graphics/music
>>> >>>>>>>>>> computer. ASUS A8V-DIx, AMD 64 4400x2 CPU 2G RAM on XP SP2.
>I
>>> >figured
>>> >>>>>>>> the
>>> >>>>>>>>>> FW
>>> >>>>>>>>>> port on this would probably handle simple two track recording.
>>> >>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>> Is there another simple and inexpensive (and better) 2 track
>>> recording
>>> >>>>>>>>>> interface that is bundled with Cubase SE?
>>> >>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>> Thanks,
>>> >>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>> Deej
>>> >>>>>>>>>>
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>>> >>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>> "Chris Ludwig" <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote in message
>>> >>>>>>>>>> news:45d88fac\$1@linux...
>>> >>>>>>>>>>
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>>cuemix
>>> >controls
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> similar to Presonus and RME.
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> 1x MOTU 8Pre
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> 1x Presonus Digimax FS
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> \$1080.00
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> This will give you 16 analog ins and 12 analog outs.
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> or
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> 2x MOTU 8 Pre - \$1070.00
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> This will give you 16 analog in 4 analog outs (8 if you
>>count
>>> >the
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> seperate headphones)
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> You will also have 16 channels of ADAT to use. So if you
>add
>>> >2 DigimaxFS
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> to each of those you could have 32 analog ins and 24 outs.
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>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Chris
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Brandon wrote:
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>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> What kind of issues is the Presonus FireStudio having?
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>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> "brandon" <a@a.com> wrote:
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Well..I would like to be able to record an entire band
>at
>>> one
>>> >>> time
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> if
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> neded.
>>> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> Inclding a live drumset.. Also I would like SPDIF in and
>>out,

