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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 03:50:18 GMT  
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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 13:13:23 GMT  
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I got 2 presonus digimax fs and they are only 8 each but it's worth looking at too.

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LOL! True - maybe the reviewer is used to stuff breaking right  
out of the box. I dunno how good the pres are - I've never  
really heard anyone slamming MOTU stuff, though, so I  
think it's probably safe to assume their stuff isn't crap.

Just throwing it out there for ya - looks like a handy product  
for anyone who doesn't have a mixer & wants to run a bunch of  
toms to two track or perhaps a multi-keyboard rig to two  
channels for live use, since it has line-in's as well (this is  
assuming the mixing can be done without any software that might  
be accessible via the FW connection).

Neil

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 15:23:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:27:41 GMT  
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Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:27:53 GMT  
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The deluxe version of this would be the API 3124 with the mixer built in.  
I had one and it was a great sounding piece. Obvioulsy not in the same world price-wise.

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:46:39 GMT  
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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 17:51:11 GMT

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 18:24:58 GMT  
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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 19:12:10 GMT  
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The preamps on my MOTU 828MII seem clean and reasonably transparent. Also, the box has been very dependable and MOTU's driver updates for my system (MacOSX) have been timely. Recommended.

Cheers,  
-Jamie  
[www.JamieKrutz.com](http://www.JamieKrutz.com)

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Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 20:05:13 GMT  
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Sorry, that would be "Grace" not Gracie. I guess I have a George Burns complex.?

Tony

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Tue, 12 Dec 2006 21:11:13 GMT  
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[http://www.focusrite.com/product/saffire\\_pro\\_26\\_i\\_o/](http://www.focusrite.com/product/saffire_pro_26_i_o/)

<http://presonus.com/firestudio.html>

<http://alesis.com/product.php?id=96>

James

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 13 Dec 2006 14:44:04 GMT  
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Subject: Re: 8-Channel mic pre with summing for \$550  
Posted by [Graham Duncan](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 01:09:26 GMT  
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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Thu, 14 Dec 2006 04:27:10 GMT

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I saw the ad for the 8pre on MIX Magazine.  
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The 8 ADAT lightpipe outs should interface  
with the PARIS ADAT card correct?  
I am just looking for more mic pres for drumset micing, etc..

Brandon

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