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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 01 Apr 2006 21:28:37 GMT
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I choose Polesoft Lockspam to fight spam, and you?
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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sat, 01 Apr 2006 21:50:50 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 02 Apr 2006 04:27:31 GMT
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DAMN! Check the low end on that Bosie!

I've always thought a Bosendorfer is like a heavy metal piano... really scooped mids with exaggerated lo's & hi's.

Neil

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Posted by [Stevehwan](#) on Mon, 03 Apr 2006 13:19:37 GMT
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Steve Cox Productions

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My main application for it is live performance. I run the Scarbee Rhodes/Wurly, Native Instruments B4, MTron, and assorted other stuff on it. I have yet to fire up "Uniwire" (A VST plugin that calls to Receptor over ethernet) and integrate it as an effects processor into my studio, so I can't comment too much about that side of things. One of these days I'll switch to XP for Paris and get that going.

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Subject: Re: Ivory VST-man, this thing is too cool
Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Mon, 03 Apr 2006 15:08:13 GMT
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Steve,

I'll post up some MP3's of the session later today or tomorrow. These are just piano/vocal cover tunes for a client who is cutting a demo for lounge singing gigs.

The secret to Ivory is getting a good controller, dialing in the proper velocity curve in the application (very easy to do) and having a computer that can handle streaming all of the voices (over 160) and will allow the notes to decay normally. I'm using a dualcore AMD 4200 with 4G RA and it handles this task with ease. There are *lots* of presets in the application which are based on different EQ, ambience, chorusing, etc. I turn all that off and just use the dry piano samples. It's scary realistic.

Deej

"Steve Cox" <stevec1@charter.net> wrote in message news:443120e9\$1@linux...

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> Who ever had the original session with this player, do you have any small

> clip of what it sounds like? I went to Ilio's site, and all they had for

> demos was all this old classical stuff. The one I listened to had some problems

> when ever the player hit eight keys or more at a rapid pace, it seemed to

> choke, but that would be a midi problem not bad samples. I would love to

> hear something more contemporary. I am REALLY sold on the believability of

> "Ivory" and am considering adding it to my arsenal.

> Steve Cox Productions

> "Bill Lorentzen" <bill@lorentzen.ws> wrote:

> >How is the Receptor working out?

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> >"Phil Aiken" <paiken@partners.org> wrote in message news:442ed3d5\$1@linux...

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> >> You're right.

> >> It's very cool.

> >> Runs like a freakin' champ on Receptor - something that can't be said

> of

> >> large piano libraries using Kontakt II and streaming from disc.

> >> So far there are piano libraries I prefer the sound of, but Ivory is just

> >> so playable, so expressive, and easy to customize sound-wise, if not

> >> sample-wise.

> >> I've been noodling all day. At first the Steinway was my least fave...now

> >> it is my favorite - go figure.

> >> Wish list:

> >> Better in mono.

> >> Half-pedaling.

> >> An upright piano would be cool.

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> >> Highly recommended for anyone who needs a VSTi piano.

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> >> DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote:

> >>>Once you get your optimum velocity curve dialed in, you're gonna be

> >>>grinnin

> >>>like a cheshire cat.

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 > >>>"Phil Aiken" <paiken@partners.org> wrote in message
 > >>>news:442e00d7\$1@linux...
 > >>>>
 > >>>> Just now finished installing it on my Receptor for live use. I'll be
 > >>>>firing
 > >>>> it up tomorrow morning - can't wait!!!
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 > >>>> "DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote:
 > >>>> >I've had an absolutely wonderful pianist over here for a session
 > >>>> >tonight
 > >>>> >doing some cover tunes. He's got a Yamaha controller with some nice
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 > >>>> >piano
 > >>>> >sounds and was pretty leery of using a VSTi so we started out using
 > his
 > >>>> >keyboard DI'ed. I also midi'ed him up to Ivory and started tracking
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 > >>>> >both
 > >>>> >Ivory and the Yammy into Paris. Then I A/B'ed the tracks for him
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 > >>>>after
 > >>>> >about an hour I couldn't get the guy to stay focused on the session
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 > >>>> >so wrapped up in it. Luckily, the artist who hired him was pretty
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