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Subject: Re: Drumagog

Posted by [kerryg](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:03:18 GMT

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I don't have any direct observations myself - but for anyone contemplating answering this, if you feel like tackling this definitively and in some depth, I'll add the results to the Wiki as a procedure.

That'll save me the effort of eventually culling through the NG for definitive answers, which is often fun and thought-provoking but with 43,000 posts to search it's time-consuming - and open to error since I don't have the ability to test it myself.

Thanks!

- Kerry

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:28:38 GMT  
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Drumagog is great to drum replacement, you set a threshold and everything above it gets replaced. not sure how it works in paris though.

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:40:18 GMT  
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 16 Apr 2008 17:14:37 GMT  
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I'd concur with my experiences with it. Rim is a cool dude, and Dgog a cool product but IMO it's more for triggering a different sound. You can't really fix weak/uneven hits with any replacer, and bleed can be a real problem. Now, if paris had decent MIDI you could edit the triggered events pretty easily (assuming the newer versions of Dgog have midi output - I use external triggering myself) and kill the bleed/hit issues quick. The only

reall way to get it right in paris is to edit each audio track into a 'trigger' event using cut/paste/gain/trim functions, and that's a big hassle across an entire drum kit's shell mics, and assumes that you have a track for each drum.

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Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 03:07:08 GMT  
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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 14:11:43 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Drumagog  
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 18:57:49 GMT  
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What Neil said, except don't try to record the MIDI into PARIS. When I  
tried that, the timing was off. Use another DAW for MIDI.

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

Neil wrote:

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Thu, 17 Apr 2008 19:04:12 GMT

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Subject: Re: Drumagog

Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Fri, 18 Apr 2008 12:35:50 GMT

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Yeah, agreed on Drumagog's limited utility in "turd-polishing". In fact, I find techniques like that sometimes make bad drummers sound much worse; a nice strong confident kick tone on a part that wobbles and stumbles too much



can be a cruel spotlight.

Drumagog just did a good 'un for me though; we did a live demo DVD for an artist's new project a while back and the kick didn't like the room all that much, so I got the engineer to use Drumagog to give a "point" to it. You can hear it in "Chasing Rainbows" and "Love".

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo\\_OiA0xrSo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo_OiA0xrSo)

(I'm the guy on the right :D).

<http://www.michaelboothpalmer.com/>

- k

Wish it could have fixed more stuff :D

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