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Posted by DJ on Wed, 11 Oct 2006 03:46:21 GMT

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"Neil" <IUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4557f156\$1@linux...

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> Here's what I think:

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> - "A" is OK, but not as good as either "B" or "C"... here's why:

> 1.) It's not as clear overall... it's got a bit of an edge or rasp to it.

> 2.) It's not as well-defined across the entire frequency spectrum... for example listen to the delay on the lead vocals; it comes across MUCH clearer in "B".

> 3.) In it's defense, it DOES seem to be a little bit more phase-coherent than "B", though. Something about it is a little tighter.

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> - "B" is pretty good because:

> 1.) It definitely comes across as a bit "bigger" than "A"; the soundfield isn't necessarily wider, but it's more well-defined.

> 2.) It's VERY clean... listen to the high mids & highs...

> subtle things like the delay on the vocals I mentioned, and also the air on the background vox overall come across much better. Better so than in version "C", also.

> 3.) The low end is better than "A", as well - listen to the

> break section after the BG vox are done - like starting right
> at 1:00 minute into the clip... you can feel the low notes
> better there than in "A".
>
> - "C" is also pretty good, but for completely different reasons
> than "B":
> 1.) There's nothing harsh about it, it's very smooth. Nothing
> objectionable about it.
> 2.) It's pretty clean and doesn't sound clipped in any way.
> 3.) Low end feels great... lotsa "glue" to the lows & lo-mids.
> 4.) Highs & subtle things are subdued, though - listen to the
> cymbals, the delay on the lead vox, and also the overall tone
> of BG vox... less definition & "air" than "B".
>
> My wish? If I could have something that were a combination of
> the 500 HZ & below portion of Mix "C", and everything from that
> point upwards from mix "B".
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> And the answers are:
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> Mix "B" is the Native Stems version.
>
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> Neil
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> "alex plasko" <alex.plasko@snet.net> wrote:
> >I listened through my computer speakers .
> >A sounded like you spread the stereo field a little making the echo
repeats
>
> >and keyboard drone seem wider.A is my best out of the 3 if i had to pick.
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I'm going to try this as soon as my 3rd card gets here and another component that I've been waiting on. I've been summing a few mixes in Pulsar when doing the fader levels and pans in Cubase and I'm liking it a lot. I haven't done a *large* mix yet where I'm simply streaming mono tracks from Cubase through the Pulsar mixer and adjusting fader levels and pans in Pulsar. I like to automate my faders and I'm going to have to figure out a way to do this in Pulsar. There is a lot of midi functionality in the Scope mixer. I haven't explored it yet. All indications are that fader and panning adjustments in the Scope mixer are the way to go. The Cubase mixer is just so **** efficient and convenient, I want to stay there.

;o)

<OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4558018e\$1@linux...

>
> So you're not summing in Pulsar? I thought that's what you were
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> DSP summing?
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KISS???.....not sure what this means but if it refers to simplifying things/using fewer of any particular device(s).....I wouldn't have a clue.

;))

"Martin Harrington" <lendan@bigpond.net.au> wrote in message news:45580ce0\$1@linux...

> Deej, I guess you don't subscribe to the KISS principal, huh?

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I just listened to them on my Studio monitors. A sounded a bit harsh. B sounded pretty well balanced and I liked it. There was something about C overall that I preferred..a sense of space around the vocal track I think. It was a big difference when I first heard the track. After listening to them all a few more times, the differences began to blur. Something about it just jumped out at me about C.

Tell me this was the native mix ITB so I can stop the madness.

;o)

"Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4557cf79\$1@linux...

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> Style isn't the issue here, it's a matter of: "can you do a big
> mix with a lotta tracks in Native vs. summming in some other
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>
> Keep the comments coming guys! It's interesting so far -
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> Neil
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 01:22:48 GMT

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Hmm, that's very interesting..

I preferred "C", except for that fact that it sounded a little smaller to me than the others, it was cleaner somehow.

"B" was next and the "A" which I didn't like...too mushy

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Martin Harrington

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 01:30:58 GMT
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Posted by [Nappy](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 01:55:30 GMT
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Nappy

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 02:44:40 GMT
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Dubya... I'll wait 'til I get a few more responses before I say which is which, but here's what the procedures were:

-For the straight-ahead 2-bus Native Mix, it was basically just as I've been saying in recent threads with regard to managing levels, nothing special. Dithered down to a 16-bit wav file @ 44.1k in SX using the UV22HR dither plugin. Done.

-For the Native Stems mix, it was the exact same mix as above, but I just ran out the following stereo stems:

- 1.) Drums
- 2.) Low end stuff (bass, keyboard bass)
- 3.) Keys
- 4.) Guitars
- 5.) Vocals

I put all the tracks in various folders so I can just mute the whole folder for the tracks that I'm not sending out to the stems. This does not affect the sound in any way (placing them

in folders), it's just a convenient way of grouping them without really "grouping" them audio-wise. Also in this manner, all the group send/return effects that have anything to do with each track are included in the particular stem, as well. Now in this case I don't dither down at this stage, what I do is to export each stem at 88.2k/32-bit float, then open a new (empty) project, and import those stem files I just created... if I'm getting any overs on the master, I just bring down each stereo stem channel by the same amount, and it keeps everything in the same balance - easy. At THAT point, I dither down to 16-bit/44.1k for the final stereo mix file.

-For the "Mixed in Native/Summed in Paris" mix, I of course kept the mix identical, but sent four groups out of one of my Multiface's 8 balanced analog outs to the 8-in MEC module. Those groups were similar, but not identical to the stems I used for the stems mix version (I didn't want to send a fifth group out, because then I would've had to use the lower-resolution MEC Master inputs); those groups were:

- 1.) Drums
- 2.) Low End stuff & Rhythm Guitars
- 3.) Keys & solo guitars
- 4.) Vocals

Now, I did place a transparent brickwall limiter set at -0.3 and no gain maximization across each output, so that I wouldn't clip either the 8-in module or the individual channels in Paris. This also replicated the stems mix in that regard, because I limit everything going out into stems to -0.3. I know some of you guys love the clip factor in Paris, but I wanted to make it fair in all respects.... if I'm avoiding clipping in SX, I should also be avoiding it in Paree. In this regard, neither the 8-in module's inputs or any of the individual channels in Paris were clipping with the channel levels set at 0db - all those channels were left untouched because the mix & balances were, of course, coming from the SX mix. I did have to bring the Master down to -2.4db to avoid clips there, which should tell you that Paris was indeed getting good solid levels into the channels. I set Paris for "Live Mix" mode & bounced to disk at 16-bit/44.1k. This actually - it could be argued - gave Paris an advantage in a way, since no dither was needed to convert to that bitrate.

To convert the .wav files to hi-rez mp3 (the reason I didn't mix down directly to mp3 in the Cubase 2-bus or stems version is that I wanted to make sure it was fair since I couldn't do that in Paris (i.e: bounce directly to disk into mp3 format) - IOW, all versions had to undergo the step to convert from .wav to mp3... anyway, to convert from .wav to mp3, I simply

imported all three versions into a new project in Cubase, made sure they played back at as close to the same relative power levels (both peak & RMS) as I could, and exported straight to hi-rez mp3.

And that's what you're hearing.

Neil

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 02:50:49 GMT
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Posted by [Rob Arsenault](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 02:51:06 GMT
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A was kinda dull sounding to me, B might have been a bit brittle on the top but still my fav followed very closely by C.

Rob_A

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 02:58:56 GMT
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Prolly not that interesting, Martin, considering my laptop speakers are maybe the size of a nickel.

W.

"Martin Harrington" <lendan@bigpond.net.au> wrote in message
news:4557c6ad\$1@linux...

> Hmm, that's very interesting..

> I preferred "C", except for that fact that it sounded a little smaller to
> me than the others, it was cleaner somehow.

> "B" was next and the "A" which I didn't like...too mushy

> --

> Martin Harrington

> www.lendaneer-sound.com

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Posted by [IOUOI](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 03:18:45 GMT
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"DJ" <nowayjose@dude.net> wrote:
>I just listened to them on my Studio monitors. A sounded a bit harsh. B
>sounded pretty well balanced and I liked it. There was something about C
>overall that I preferred..a sense of space around the vocal track I think.
>It was a big difference when I first heard the track. After listening to
>them all a few more times, the differences began to blur. Something about
it
>just jumped out at me about C.
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>Tell me this was the native mix ITB so I can stop the madness.
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>;o)

I'll tell you which one each version was... soon! :D

Neil

Subject: Re: Summing Comparison Files Posted!
Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 03:30:38 GMT
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I listened through my computer speakers .
A sounded like you spread the stereo field a little making the echo repeats
and keyboard drone seem wider.A is my best out of the 3 if i had to pick.
C was a little narrower with less mids.
B was about the same width , more mids.
Im with DJ on after the 3rd time through the line blurred.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 03:31:02 GMT
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 03:36:26 GMT

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Hi Neil,

Yes styles of music is the case. I still say that it's very difficult to mix Hip and R & B styles of music (Hot aggressive) bangin beats, that are in your face..

I use Nuendo, Pro- Tools & Paris. I know each strenghts and weaknesses. Nuendo/SX , has a nice wide-open, warm charater mix summing sound..While Pro Tools has a very nice top-end that pretty much mixes itself. Paris, warm, not a wide(summing), but can take very aggressive styles of muic with ease..

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Posted by [Nappy](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 03:41:11 GMT
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I meant b.

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Nappy

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Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 04:09:47 GMT

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BR

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Posted by [Miguel Vigil \[1\]](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 04:21:01 GMT
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If it's possible, it would be interesting to hear a test with the SX-stem-files imported and summed in Paris.

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 04:21:34 GMT
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FWIW, C is the softest starting out, A is the loudest and B is in the middle (according to my DB meter).

That said, C also seems to be somewhat muffled compared to the other two. A feels like it's the most open.

Keeping in mind that I just got back from the opera and I still have sopranos ringing in my ears (Magic Flute)...

So lessee, how about:

A - Stems
B - SX
C - Paris

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKruz.com

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Posted by Nil on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 05:15:18 GMT

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 05:34:45 GMT

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"BR" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:

>If it's possible, it would be interesting to hear a test with

>the SX-stem-files imported and summed in Paris.

BR, it's possible, but I'm not sure what the best way to go about it would be... I could do either one of the following:

1.) Take the existing stems (which are at 88.2k/32-bit float) and straight-on samplerate/bitrate-convert them to 44.1/16-bit using something super-accurate like Voxengo's r8Brain, then import them into Paris.

2.) Make new identical stems, yet dithering each one down to 44.1k/16-bit in SX, then importing them into Paris.

Not sure which method would be best... what do you guys think?

Neil

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 05:57:54 GMT

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 06:18:40 GMT
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Martin Harrington
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"Dubya Mark Wilson" <mark.xspam@avidrecording.com> wrote in message
news:4557dd36\$1@linux...

> Prolly not that interesting, Martin, considering my laptop speakers are
> maybe the size of a nickel.

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> W.

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> "Martin Harrington" <lendan@bigpond.net.au> wrote in message
> news:4557c6ad\$1@linux...

>> Hmm, that's very interesting..

>> I preferred "C", except for that fact that it sounded a little smaller to

>> me than the others, it was cleaner somehow.
>> "B" was next and the "A" which I didn't like...too mushy
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>> Martin Harrington
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>> news:4557c2bb@linux...
>>> I'm not listening on refs but my laptop speakers tell me A is best, B is
>>> second but slightly scoopy, C is last, narrow and less detailed. Lower
>>> mids in A really treat the guitars nicely without trouncing the keys and
>>> seems just all around more suitable for the piece. B wouldn't be bad if
>>> it were Contemp Jazz or such. C... don't know what's up with that one
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So was I..

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Martin Harrington

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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 06:22:19 GMT

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Deej, I guess you don't subscribe to the KISS principal, huh?

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Martin Harrington

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 06:24:30 GMT

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 13:20:31 GMT
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I am posting before reading the results after listening to A then B then C then A again on these cheap comp speakers I definately think A sounds different then both

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I dont know if better is the word.

However, A seems more upfront and rocking.

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 13:27:10 GMT
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Yeah, I would like to listen to them on refs.
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as the other two, but I liked it cause it suits the music
in my opinion. Someone said "raspy" earlier.
I think that is pretty accurate.
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Interesting results.

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Thanks,

Brandon

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> I dont know if better is the word.
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Posted by [Ted Gerber](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 14:51:54 GMT

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On the Pulsar web site, they make a big deal of their mixers being a significant upgrade on any of the other native DAW mixers...

"two of probably the most capable software mixers ever: the STM 48 S Surround Mixer and the 96-channel STM 4896 Recording Mixer."

FWIW

"DJ" <nowayjose@dude.net> wrote:

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>doing the fader levels and pans in Cubase and I'm liking it a lot. I haven't
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>through the Pulsar mixer and adjusting fader levels and pans in Pulsar.

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do

>this in Pulsar. There is a lot of midi functionality in the Scope mixer.

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><OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4558018e\$1@linux...

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Posted by [Nil](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 15:37:14 GMT

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Ted, it could be (the way to deal with it), but I wanted to try & make this comparison as much about summing as possible, in a fair manner - although Paris did have an advantage in that I didn't have to dither down to the 44.1/16 2-buss wav file therein. I did this both for my own curiosity - as I'm looking for the best solution, too - as well as doing it for you guys so that I could demonstrate that:

1.) The whole "collapsed soundfield" thing in Native is not necessarily a given... none of the three clips have a major difference between them in either the stereo spread or imaging. There are some slight differences, yes - as one would expect... I think we'd all be shocked as hell if there WEREN'T some differences; and 2.) as I also have mentioned in past threads, running several stems out, then reimporting into a new project reinforces the imaging & soundstage, and also preserves more subtleties.

If had EQ'ed the Paris stuff any differently, it wouldn't have been as accurate of a comparison for the purposes of this test. Having said that, maybe that'll be the next step! Like I said, I'm looking for the "right stuff" for my own benefit as well... it's not as if I just went out & repurchased some Paris gear just in order to get you guys to drink my Native Kool-aid. :)

So maybe the next step should be:

1.) A clip of the Paris-Summing, but with some EQ applied (in Paris at the time of creating the 2-channel mix itself); trying to match as closely as possible the upper mids & highs of clip "B" (the Native Stems mix).

2.) A clip of the Native Stems themselves imported into Paris (like someone asked about); but since the stems are at 88.1k I'm not sure if I should samplerate convert them using dither or do it with no dither.

Neil

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 17:21:14 GMT

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And for those who preferred the sound of C but mix in Cubase, perhaps rolling off some of the high end on the output with a phase coherent mastering EQ could approach a similar sound.

Cheers,
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Posted by [Martin Harrington](#) on Mon, 13 Nov 2006 21:25:06 GMT
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Keep It Simple Stupid.....

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Yes-

I agree. The test you did was an excellent one to answer a specific question. My comment was moving towards next step considerations. I too have been wrestling with the Q of Native in addition to or instead of Paris, although I think I like the character of Logic better than Nuendo (? hate to take a stand on this).

I know that if I take tracking/mixing drums out of the equation (I seem to suck at this) I can achieve good results with Paris.

I have a good friend North of Toronto whose been recording for 30 years. He went to Pro Tools when he went digital, but 2 years ago outfitted his studio with a CuB-SX rig. He (by his own admission) has not been able to get the sound out of that rig that I have been able to get out of Paris.

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So any switch I make will be driven by MIDI needs and a desire to use some plugs -thinking of Duende- that I can't use with Paris. In the end, I suspect I'll put up with the workaround hassles and use both Paris and Native to get what I want.

Thanks again for your shared expertise and enthusiasm.

Peace,

Ted

>If had EQ'ed the Paris stuff any differently, it wouldn't have
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