Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by Juan79 - 2012/04/21 20:36

Which one would you say that's the best complement for a MDmkII (non UW)? I don't know very much about MiniCommand, but I'm afraid that i lose tons of time programming it. A x0xb0x and an EA are nice, and inmediate, good workflow. Which one do you think is funniest and fullfilling?

Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by twistedspace - 2012/04/21 21:07

At the price EA1's go for, I'd try one first, unless you really want the 303/xoxbox sound. Having said that, I have an EA1 and I'm gassing for a xoxbox.

Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by neonleg - 2012/04/21 21:27

if you want to make acid, you gonna need a 303/xox

Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by dubathonic - 2012/04/21 22:01

The MiniCommand is great, but many of its firmwares (so far at least) are made to take advantage of the UW's capabilities. If you don't have a UW model, the MD Notes firmware is great if you want to play chords and melodies by attaching a keyboard to play pitched percussion sounds...you can get some nice Rhodes piano and saw wave type melodies this way, plus basslines are easier to program. The Randomizer is good for exploring new sounds quickly, and the Euclid patch can give you ideas for rhythms. (You can do all of this without a MC, but it's faster with one.)

The EA is a sound generator and would probably be a good complement to the MD if you don't already have a synth. Electribes are limited in capability but are very easy to program and you could use the MD's input machines to filter the EA output, plus add some additional delay and reverb.

And yeah, if you like acid, you know what to do already;)

Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by StinkyBeat - 2012/04/21 22:57

If you want more versatility than the 303 sound (I love it and have a x0x), I would go with one of the many midi controllable mono analogs that has come on the market in the past few years (several this year). Sequencing CCs using P-locks and LFOs from the MD is powerful stuff. With a x0x your modulations will be done via knob tweak. Great fun, but it depends on what else you have planned to be doing simultaneously.

Phatty
Minitaur
Midi SEM
Mopho
Evolver
Boomstar
Dark Energy
Pulse 2
so many more...

or

get some nice effects to rock out the individual out of the MD
Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand? Posted by the dreammer - 2012/04/22 01:55
stinkybeat has a good point the elektribe-a does not do midi-cc but nprn messages so its nice but no p-locks and all that from your md then again elektribe comes with its own version of plocks called "motion sequencer"
but yeah, a midicontrollable synth (as in CC-controllable) will be good fun
Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand? Posted by Juan79 - 2012/04/22 18:12
Good ideas :)
However i prefer that the synth has its own sequencer. I think i'll go for the x0x, because i can do acid and old techno with it (or an used monomachine)
Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand? Posted by TeNPiN - 2012/04/22 22:53
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Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand? Posted by Ringo KidF - 2012/04/26 02:39
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Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand?

Posted by poonti - 2012/04/26 03:27

Let's see how the new Avatar looks...tried to change mine to the babyhead theremin, but I guess the avatar system is

http://elektron-users.com/images/fbfiles/images/babyhead_theremin.png

Re:Best complement for a MD: x0xb0x, ElectribeEA, MiniCommand? Posted by GYS - 2012/04/26 03:33

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Posted by Secret Liaison - 2012/04/26 04:16

I'd like to interject a suggestion here for the Zoom Sampletrak ST-224. I got one recently on a recommendation over at VSE and couldn't be happier with it next to my MD with the MD driving it. It's a phrase sampler with hifi, normal and lofi sample rates; has built in fx that sound good; does stereo or mono; extremely easy and fast to chop up samples and assign to pads; does resampling; can play samples chromatically; saves to smart media cards. You can get these for at or under \$100 on eBay right now and they are worth much more IMO. Very under the radar and underrated.

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From the specifications:

Variable glide

- 16 steps sequencer with LED
- 4 rows: 1 row controls gates and notes.
- 3 other rows are freely assignable to any parameter of the front panel.

:)

I found this video also.
