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## Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/07/19 13:01

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So I'll have some spare cash soon to spend on some gear, around \$1000.

My current set-up is MD, MnM and evolver desktop. I want to get some things that will beef up/effect the sound of my current gear rather than a new synth or sampler to learn.

Things i'm thinking of: T-Resonator, Sherman Filterbank, Boss RE-20, Line 6 DL4, Deluxe Memory Man.

Ideally I can get two bits of gear, one each for the MD & MnM.

What are you guys using, what can you recommend?

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by skab - 2012/07/19 13:18

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Posted by previewlounge - 2012/07/19 13:37

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/07/19 13:59

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Interesting... hadn't really thought about vintage stuff for effects.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by ignatius - 2012/07/19 14:01

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knas ekdahl moisurizer is awesome. can be clean or a wicked overdrive plus the spring verb and filter of course. a great little box.

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/knas/theekdahlmoisturizer/>

koma stuff looks wicked and fun.. hands on.. great for jamming..

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/komaelektronik/>

you should also look at these.. top quality stuff.. lot's of tricks up their sleeves.

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/snazzyfx/miniark/>

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/snazzyfx/tracercity/>

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/snazzyfx/wowandflutter/>

and of course

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/otomachines/biscuit/>

also, the pigtronix pedals are all pretty wicked..

<http://www.analoguehaven.com/pigtronix/>

really it depends on what you're looking for.. there's a ton of pedals out these days.. but some great stuff for synths and drum machines..

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by anselmi - 2012/07/19 14:50

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electro-harmonix:

cathedral : reverb/delay

stereo polyphase : phaser with various modes (LFO/envelope follower/expression input CV)

the ring thing : great ring modulator with pitch following oscillator to keep it in tune

eventide:

space: gorgeous reverb plus some other fx

strymon:

timeline : one of the most complete and good-sounding delay processor...easy to use too

blue sky : spring reverb simulation in pedal format, great sound

el capistan : tape delay simulation in pedal format, great sound

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by nangu - 2012/07/19 14:56

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If you want a delay unit, you should check out the Eventide Timefactor. Absolutely brilliant. Only one problem- it's so awesome that you might start getting curious about the other Eventide pedals.. \$354 for an open box one at Nova Musik right now, or \$300ish used.

I absolutely love the Sherman, but it isn't subtle. Stuff that goes through a Moog MuRF tends to come out all happy and bubbly. The Sherman is the opposite of that- things often come out jagged, spiky, and malevolent..

The knob spacing on the T-Resonator is dense enough that it bugs me, but I have large hands. The M-Resonator is cheaper and has more room to get in there and play the thing. You lose the digital effects, but it still does the positive filter feedback trick where it can turn anything into dangerous amounts of bass. It can make the wimpiest kicks capable of splitting rocks, and it'll make whispers sound like a UFO landing on your roof. Go a little too far and you get the death ray. Almost destroyed my speakers with subsonics once- no sound at all, just lots of moving air. Luckily, I felt the wind blowing out of the speakers as I went by- I was about to leave the room for a break. Never use a T-Res, M-Res, or Sherman with headphones..

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Posted by previewlounge - 2012/07/19 15:28

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the sound is delicious although portability factor is not as amenable.

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other EU members could make perhaps a more current contribution,  
as i sold my unit a number of years ago,  
although certainly will purchase again.

the device actually works with real magnetic tape.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by xmit - 2012/07/19 17:59

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by Mr. Sound Boy King - 2012/07/19 22:07

For a less expensive delay option I'd suggest Line6 Echo Park. Sounds awesome, tons of settings / options, cheap, stereo...

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by RonF - 2012/07/20 03:47

I think T-Resonator is the bomb! Its so much more than an effects pedal! There is another thread here where I discussed it in more detail. But quickly speaking.....its one of the most underrated pieces of kit I have seen in a long time. Do it!

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/07/20 16:44

Thanks for all the suggestions. I'm leaning towards the Eventide Space and T-Resonator.

I'm a bit worried the T-Res might be too crazy though... I want to use it with my MD to fatten it up a bit without too much distortion.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by mnonner - 2012/07/20 18:20

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by simple - 2012/07/23 19:59

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+ on the knas moisturiser, awesome

t-res, wouldn't be without

oto biscuit or wmd geiger counter

space is great but very expensive imho. go cathedral or knas

check out flower electronics jealous heart, mmmmmmmnice

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by previewlounge - 2012/07/24 00:14

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Anselmi's recent tracks with the Cathedral just sound superb.

while ..the OTO seems like a super-awesome pedal.

as regards adjusting the Machinedrum's sound in general, i find that simply playing MD through a mixer, and adjusting the mixer channel 3 band eq, does a lot to bring out the frequencies i want to hear from the MD (changes depending on the pattern tho)... i use a djm800 dj mixer however any mixer with bass, mid, treble is fine.

also, the internal Machinedrum Master FX eq has a huge effect on the Kit's sound.

and keeping all individual machine Volume parameters(the p-lockable one) no higher than midway can help when going for a fuller overall sound.

(with Master volume at 3'o'clock and individual Levels anywhere they want to be).  
this way, there is some headroom when adjusting the MasterFX eq section.

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Posted by TelePet - 2012/07/24 00:58

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I run the MnM through the Mosturizer and really enjoy the mix between digital and analog. Trying figure out a way around the non-stereo connection, so typically run one machine through the Mosturizer.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by redrum - 2012/07/24 06:42

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I shouldn't read these threads they will send me brokel:side: I've found myself on eBay a lot recently finding unwanted rack gear. It's surprising what you can buy for cheap. Some of it may be a little dated. But it is defenetly worth having a look. Of course you should always do a little research on the gear but with a grand you could really start putting some 'obsolete' gear to work.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

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Posted by twistedspace - 2012/07/24 08:33

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It's not an fx pedal but the DSI evolver desktop makes a geat fx processor.  
Filters, delays, tuned feedback and distortion with loads of modulation options.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/07/26 11:36

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by u.n.i.t.e.d - 2012/07/26 17:22

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If you, re searching for a distortion effect i think there is no better one than WMD GeigerCounter!  
It has a gigantic amount of gain and distortion and a bit experimental with the wavetables. You can completly destroy the sound goes through and build something special. If it must be analog than WMD Acoustic Trauma:-) (ps: i don,t work for WMD:-)

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Posted by tIB - 2012/07/26 17:39

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sausmatoe wrote:

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I dont have any demos as such but it is all over my stuff. Great unit, love the distortion and filter as well as the spring verb. Monomachine pad sound on this (the first one you hear) is through moisterizer and tres.  
<http://soundcloud.com/tib/crank-shafted>

I like the tres too, though I mostly use it as a dirty stereo reverb with a bit of phasing. Another one I love is the bugbrand pt delay, beautiful dirty digital delays and a great amp section and eq. Not sure when the next run of those is though you might find one used.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/07/29 18:34

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Posted by thevegasnerve - 2012/08/09 23:14

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Man, so true on the moogerfoogers. I have everyone of them, and after I ran out of ones to get. I started my MOTM modular.....

Regarding FX pedals, the Electro Harmonix pedals are so great for the money. Look at the micropog for a cheaper alternative to the Eventide.... Also dig the Boss RE-20 for effects.

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### Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by djd\_oz - 2012/09/02 15:33

\*bump\*

Any recommendations for distortion pedals? Not looking for bitcrushers though ;)

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### Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by kirlian - 2012/09/03 02:16

i have the zvex fuzz factory and i like it. it doesn't have too much in the way of mild distortion though. pretty intense, but quality sounding.

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### Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by tIB - 2012/09/03 02:32

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### Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by T303 - 2012/09/03 02:56

I can recommend the Ibanez ts9dx

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### Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by 0BSRVR - 2012/09/03 02:58

Pigtronix Disnortion!!!

I'd snap one up in a second, but I already have a polysaturator.

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Heres a link.

<http://www.pigtronix.com/products/disnortion/>

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by Nils - 2012/09/03 03:28

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Empress Multidrive is a nice little unit. It's got three discrete parallell sections, each with its own flavour. You can mix the three sections freely and filter them individually - layer a clean bass with an extremely distorted high end etc. It's got a pretty wide range of tones available.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by MPRT - 2012/09/03 05:33

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Yeah I have the re-20 and it's nice, don't expect the warmth of a real tape echo, but it's nice!

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by TeNPiN - 2012/09/03 08:13

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I vote space from eventide or any of the eventide pedals suited to you're moosical taste :)

You can do some cool things with all of them , maybe over kill though if you buy timefactor and use minimal delays.

Horses for courses

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by poonti - 2012/09/03 08:46

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^ Space and El Capistan from Strymon, and you can do some serious dub styles

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by did\_oz - 2012/09/03 20:29

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The Empress Multidrive does look cool.

\*takes out credit card\*

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by REOvolt - 2012/09/03 22:00

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I would say Eventide Space. The best EFX box I've ever owned. Sounds absolutly awesome and is very versatile. From sublte to outer space.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by jagielo - 2012/09/04 10:13

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I am an advocate for Strymon time line....has a ton of tweakable features from lofi, pitch shift, great tape delay distortion, warble...plus it's midi sync, (not to mention all it's delay functions)...I own a space echo...which is great for that vibe....but it's a pain to maintain....also...empress effects are top notch...I have the vintage mod super delay...multidrive...trem, and I can't say enough about how musical these pedals are....EH are always a safe bet...and more affordable...my 2 cents

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by Indigo333 - 2012/09/04 17:00

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Delays:

- Strymon Timeline
- Strymon El Crapistan
- Empress Superdelay

Reverb:-Knas Moisturizer

- Eventide Space
- Strymon Blue Sky
- Strymon Flint (Tremolo and Reverb) I like to run distortion and quirky shit thru it;

These are some of my faves and with effects, one can always keep adding because they are instruments themselves IMO.....depending how you play them. With the moisturizer, I don't use the springs much... the filter is DOPE and the LFO is DANK...

The SPACE is HUGH...I use it every time I am in the studio, to the point that I get tired of moving it around...if I was more fortunate I could have 2 or three. It is made by aliens :huh:

The Timeline has me trippin due to the endless features...IDK where to start.

A 30 second looper? Fuck yes! Lo-fi, shimmer, d bucket, tape etc etc etc...

I used to get a bit lost in it them I just mapped it out and now I use that and the space for most of my stuff. Anyway, I am not familiar with the T-Res so let me know what you think...people seem to love it. peace

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Posted by Indigo333 - 2012/09/07 16:47

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Posted by sausmatoe - 2012/09/07 18:12

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Posted by kirlian - 2012/09/07 22:14

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this is next on my list. sounds really good and you get a lot of variety of tone for the price.

and i'll +1 everything about the space. it is so much more than a reverb pedal and it's incredibly musical in the process of being whatever it is. i think they completely nailed it with that pedal.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by MAHRMAN - 2012/09/08 00:09

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hard choice to choose between Strymon el Capistan and Eventide Space...

Any suggestions?

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by poonti - 2012/09/08 00:39

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Sweet! Enjoy.... the filter is amazing

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Posted by grizzly - 2012/09/08 02:01

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but which one would you get first, if you had to choose ?

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by kirlian - 2012/09/08 02:35

i would choose the space first, no questions asked. the variety of sounds you can get out of it is unreal.

if you specifically want delay though, and a lot of it, i would think about the timeline. but, the el capistan is a fantastic pedal with a very nice sound palette.

i don't think you can go wrong with any of them. i have both the space and el capistan BTW.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by poonti - 2012/09/08 03:20

^ What Kirlian said! Although, in my case, I did get the El Cap first and then Space. I was on a tape-echo kick at the time!

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by djd\_oz - 2012/11/22 20:28

This looks interesting spec wise, would like to hear some synths through it.

[http://www.sonuus.com/products\\_wahoo.html](http://www.sonuus.com/products_wahoo.html)

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by rhizome - 2012/11/26 23:35

what are people's favorite midi-controllable fx boxes, other than space and timeline? having fun sequencing oto biscuit from OT, though the biscuit seems to get overwhelmed fairly easily.

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## Re:Help me choose some FX pedals

Posted by exuvia - 2012/11/27 02:25

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I've been trying to use the OT to sequencer my Lexicon MX200 with marginal results so far. I also used the OT to control a Biscuit back several months and it worked ok, but it did seem to not work as smoothly as I wanted.

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