
Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/07 06:13

After over 1 year of development and a number of design changes along the way i finally collected my Macbeth Micromac desktop synth today.

This is a little box with a massive sound.....

3 Analogue oscillators plus pink noise, moog type ladder filter and and a multitude of patching options, this thing is capable of some serious noise making !

Early impression of this thing is that the bottom end goes loooowwwww !!

Going to run this through an Octatrack input and make use of the delay and reverb and also sample loops on the fly.

When i get some time i'll upload a couple of youtube vids for this one.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by cosmosuave - 2013/01/07 06:17

Nice addition from the vids I was quite impressed with the sound... I am sure it sounds even better in the flesh...

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/07 06:33

Even better in the flesh,

Especially when you patch a dark energy into it = 4 Osc !!!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by xmit - 2013/01/07 22:39

awaiting completion & shipping details from Ken... yours must have been one of the first 7....mine is one of the other 23 !!
B)

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/08 01:47

Unit number 001..

Went and collected it from him yesterday !

The other 6 are there and gettinf sent later this week once he has done the manual and gets the PSU's.

The next lot wont be far behind those.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/01/08 02:13

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by HighSage - 2013/01/08 03:26

I'm waiting for mine too... I used to have M3X SN#001 as well before my divorce...miss that macbeth sound... moog and beyond, and a joy to PLAY too! Congrats! Can't wait to hear what you do with it!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/01/08 05:17

congrats! it's in my wishlist for sure! just need somebody that could bring it to me!

I'll be waiting for your video!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/08 06:04

Been playing around tonight trying to sequence the oscillators individually using the Urzweg and transpose via midi keys. Cant seem to get it working correctly, need to work on it a bit.

One thing is for sure, this thing is FAT, and the moog type filter is incredible.

The unit itself is a bit lighter than i imagined it would be but thats not a bad thing if you intend to be transporting it anywhere. Its a good size for a backpack.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/01/08 08:29

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how close to a real vintage mini is it?

I'm looking for a mini-style sound with none of the old technology issues and more up to day and versatile feature set

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Yup, these are the only 2 synths I have any desire for at the moment.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/01/08 11:23

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Still rockin OT + MD!

I was actually on the hunt for an S1 when I found a guitar I really wanted... getting it today!

Gimme a few months and I'll be searching for that S1 again... :woohoo:

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/10 02:12

heres some noodling to show basic routing with a dark energy.

Only scratching the surface here !

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0u_WNWySK0&feature=youtu.be

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/01/10 03:27

sounds great, very clear even in what seems to be heavy audio rate modulations (internal FM?)

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/01/10 03:44

VCO 3 - VCO 1 and 2. Also modulated by the dark energy LFO on fast speed...
Endless possibilities with this thing.

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That's a stupidly rich and full bodied tone I must say - quite nice indeed.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/02/18 05:07

More Macbeth Micormac noise !

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbhH8vZPY2M>

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by bhc303 - 2013/02/25 16:51

Man I cant wait for mine to arrive!

Just checking your vids out now... such a tease :laugh:

Edit: great demo by the way B)

any day now woooo :woohoo:

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/03/30 07:39

Scottish analogue incoming!!!!!!!!!!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by xmit - 2013/03/30 17:51

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Congrats ! It's gonna knock yer socks off ... Believe !
;) :cheer:

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by framework - 2013/03/31 16:51

Lets hear it then !!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by we88 - 2013/04/01 09:06

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Yeah... one day perhaps an S1. It's a helluva synth no doubt.

For now I've opted for the Micromac and I think that'll kill my synth GAS for a while.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/05 08:50

knobs away...

<http://www.zoozither.com/images/pix/gear/macd03c.jpg>

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by xmit - 2013/07/05 18:34

nice pic Matthew !

my 'Mac is still blowing my socks off...how something can go from so smooth to so gnarly is a thing of beauty.... B)

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/05 18:37

WOW!
congrats!
demo please! never enough demos of this great synth!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/06 11:04

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It's cruel beyond belief... staring at this silent beauty...

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You have to be shitting me :S
Oh dear lord I feel your pain Polyslax.
Put up some demos when you get the chance. My budget could stretch pass a Sub Phatty (currently beta testing the editor (Standalone and AU) for it which helps with all the under the hood stuff but so far it's been a wonderful experience.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/11 06:08

All good now... received my order yesterday, ordered 2 adapters just in case.

Recorded some first impressions last night, don't think anyone wants to hear a ton of random noodling though. I may try and cut it into some sensible sound bites.

Definitely tends toward smooth, rather than raw, but you can get some very warm, thick mod going on as well, pretty versatile. Filter res gets pretty whistle-y at high settings, and you can play the res over small range. Nice to have the sines on board.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/11 12:54

polyslax wrote:
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I expected this...I think the most expensive analog synths of today are in this side of the sounds...It's easier and cheaper to make a synth with an average sound and throw a distortion/feedback control to make it growls...people goes "wow" with this kind of stuff, but when you compare them with a more expensive analog synth like the micromac, perfourmer or SEM you immediately hear the difference...

I like the minibrute but when I play it side by side with the perfourmer it's like comparing silk with pantasote or something....

Anyway we're all kinda contaminated with so much distorted synth sounds today that although you can identify the difference, you have to train your ears to hear and enjoy the delicate details on a premium analog synth

I'm surprised the filter got a little self-oscillation range...it's the same in the perfourmer and minibrute...It seems that today's analog are less prone to whistle...a shame...

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by xmit - 2013/07/11 21:23

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totally agree. But....just recently I've tried cranking all the OSC levels up full & really hitting the filter hard. wow. gnarly as. Another nice trick is mixing some noise in to an osclovely. like 'smooth distortion.'

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/22 10:06

I've put up some simple sounds from my first explorations of the Micromac-D.

Here are some unprocessed sounds from the first session:

<http://soundcloud.com/infomartian/sets/micromac-d>

And next... My second discovery session with the Micromac. Alternates between simple themes and random ideas as I search the knobs and switches for goodness... not hard to find in this box. The micromac is processed with a Strymon timeline as a send effect and there's cv from an MF-102 hitting the VCO 2 pwm. Minimal eq was used on the Micromac, mainly to roll off under 30Hz.

I've added some drums and rhodes in parts to fill it out a bit.

Given the length and the lack of direction, this is really only suitable for synth nerds curious about the Micromac. If that's you, enjoy!

<http://soundcloud.com/infomartian/micromac-discovery-2>

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by SBSIX - 2013/07/22 15:54

Cool thanks for sharing. Liked the second part best, that strymon sounds awesome too!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/22 19:11

Cheers, yeah the first set is just some very raw sounds while parts of the second session are a bit more track like.

Yes, love the Timeline on just about anything... should mention there are reverb returns on here as well, one Altiverb and the other Valhalla Vintage Verb.

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/22 22:37

great demos! love them! the second one got serious musical ideas that you should continue beyond it!

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Re:Macbeth Micromac has landed

Posted by polyslax - 2013/07/23 09:32

Thanks a bunch Anselmi... glad you enjoyed... now, when are you getting one? ;-)

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