List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by Rael - 2013/05/28 04:38

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Hey folks!

Thought it would be good to share this, and feel free to share yours
"horrible live moments"

1 Accidentally transposing a track, and not knowing where its coming from
two minutes of discordant melodies, can they really belive i meant do do that?!

2 Similarly on the OT accidently changing the pitch parameter instead of another one,
= horrible melodies

3 Midi problems, midi feedback due to a dodgy cable, = a big mess

4 accidentally changing to the wrong pattern, which has already been played
Rewind!

5 Oh - power cut, they thought we did it on purpose - Rewind selecta again!

6 Forgetting the lyrics

7 Forgetting the lyrics, - damn those free drinks!

Well thats about it for now, but surely many more to come
Hope im not the only one!;)

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by cosmosuave - 2013/05/28 04:46

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Power supply for Machinedrum dies half way thru set... Pretty much ends the show as it was the main sequencer...

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by TrondC - 2013/05/28 05:41

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In my experience... the only mistake you can do is to admidt or show that you've done a mistake..

That said I'm always making sure my gear is high enough so I don't have to bend too far, that will kill you to work your
elektrons at a 75 degree angle for an hour.

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by recyclinglostcities - 2013/05/28 06:26

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At a gig last summer, turned the feedback up on a delay in Ableton Live...and the computer decided to freeze up, which
quickly turned the resulting sound into an increasing wall of noise that I could only stop by quickly closing the laptop and
unplugging the sound card. Fortunately, it was an experimental improv gig, and there was a performance artist who was
working his act around our music, and his act peaked around the same time, so everyone thought it was more a part of
the performance and it wasnt as embarassing as it could have been.

The best/worst I've seen was a number of years ago with the group Imperative Reaction. Apparently, they were running
everything except guitar and a dry vocal line through the laptop, which had the power pulled out halfway through the
second song. All the lights, music, everything gone for a solid ten minues while they tried to figure out what happened, in
front of about 1,000 people.

Two reasons not to rely on a laptop for a gig there, eh? Hardware only from now on.

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by anselmi - 2013/05/28 12:04

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worst ever (2007) : I forgot the MDÂ´s power supply adapter and plugged the original 110v power supply into the 220v line...display turned on, full of alien graphics and weird lettering...also all leds on full bright...PANIC! I disconnected it, cursing the heaven, the club ownerÂ´s mother, EdisonÂ´s mother, Elektron employeesÂ´ mothers and my own.

then I found the adapter, plugged it again, switched it on...the display still showed some glitchy graphics but less than the previous time...the cursing continued...I left it alone for 5 minutes, while collecting the 2 litres of adrenaline I was sweating for donate it to the cardiovascular reanimation unit of a near hospita...so I turned it on again and......it worked!

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by SecondChance - 2013/05/28 12:11

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by TrondC - 2013/05/28 13:59

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Now that is funny :D

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by N_Rain - 2013/05/28 16:16

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I can be at home @ 2 am after pounding beers all night, wire up my setup from scratch and have it work flawlessly the first try, but bring it to a gig in a box all pre wired and being totally sober, guaranteed I'm going to be last minute troubleshooting why my midi sync is lost or no audio from this or that or the output is super quiet or something won't power on. Murphy's law I guess.. Definately wise to bring a couple tracks on an mp3 player just in case..
sorry, a little off track..

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by pseen - 2013/05/28 16:42

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Played live with lots of equipment. Forgot to use one piece of equipment. Had a member of the audience point it out to me after the show, "You didn't use that one!".

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by BlueWolfSe7en - 2013/05/28 17:45

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12 piece band I was working with where the keyboard player also ran an HD24 with backing vocals etc.
The looks on everyone's faces when material recorded at 44.1K were played back at 48K - PRICELESS :laugh:

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by xmit - 2013/05/28 19:52

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many years ago when I was still playing out as live techno duo we did an outdoor stage at a small end of year college festival .We were the last act on & the sun was literally about to come up, so I reckon it must have been 4.45am or something crazy. Anyway, the gig was going great, plenty of people dancing ...then one of the stage crew somewhere to my left decided it was time for a sneaky coffee...apparently he plugged a kettle into a spare outlet - the surge took down exactly half of our gear - all of my partners, none of mine. So we lost 909 drums, samples from a Casio FZ1, Alpha Juno 1 parts, RX5 drums...& some more keyboards & modules that escape my memory! It left me trucking along solo with little more than a Roland MC300 sequencer that was still spurting out MIDI to what was left on (not much ..a DX21 I think) & some hi-hats coming from an Alesis SR16! I had my trusty Juno 60 & Super JX to hand, plus FX etc & I just managed to wing the whole thing like it was some massive break-down by ambient-ing the whole thing out as the sun came up, assisted by an MC who came on the mic to get a bit of crowd response on the go! Once the the power was back on my mate frantically re-booted everything, reloaded samples etc (from floppy disc :ohmy: :laugh:) whilst I just jammed it live with both hands! ...then we manged to kick the whole tune back in as if we'd meant the whole thing. B)
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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by Nein - 2013/05/28 23:13

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Brilliant.   Did make me chuckle.

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by reset - 2013/05/28 23:31

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Stepped on the powerstrip that supplies juice to my whole rig in the middle of a big buildup -- dead silence. 10 seconds later I was back up and running where I left off. :woohoo:

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by anselmi - 2013/05/29 03:17
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delays, delays, delays, delays...

big dance music festival, I was ready to start...the previous guy ends with a massive pad, long enough to let me play when I want

So I started with an arpeggio that has some delay on it...then added some rising pad that was detuned enough to create a very tense athmosphere...people get grabbed by the evolving FM texture of the pad and the somewhat creepy chord...as long a s the tension (and loudness) increase they started to scream, clap, whistle and shout all kind of things, waiting for me to finally drop the beat...
so I added a filtered noise to make it even harder and when the filter was totally open I fired the kick!...

well...the initial excitement quickly fade out to confusion when the beat became ridicously syncopated and out of any metric division you could considere to put in a dancefloor...it sounded like there is a delay in the kick...

I became mad trying to fix it...people slowly stoped dance and start to leave the place going to other stages...

after about 5 LONG minutes of this I was about to abort the gig and when I just disconnected the MnM a man came in running, went to the main rack and bypassed a compensation delay that somebody engaged by accident...
the kick returned to its 4 on the floor simplicity and after 1 more minute of zen meditation I was able to play my set and re-build the devastated dancefloor

another (shorter) one with delays...another big festival, my stage was in front of a long road, surrounded by 2 rows of trees...I started to play and noticed like sounds like a multitap delay or something, verty annoying...I checked everything and found nothing but the delay still was there...after some minutes of this unconfortable monitoring the stage guy came in and told me that the trees was the cause of the delays! arrrghhhh...

this was the most uncomfortable gig ever!

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by Tarekith - 2013/05/29 05:03
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Played live at a club once with dodgy electrical wiring, every time the strobe started my XL-7 would reboot. Took forever to sort out the issue.

Last summer I was playing a festival the promoters had let us performers lock our gear in a trailer for safe keeping until our sets started. Ten minutes before I was supposed to start, no one knows who has the key, or how I can get my gear. Finally get it sorted, and then I find out that due to the rain happening all day, the floor of the tent I was playing on was soaked. It was a chill out tent, so everyone including the live acts played sitting on pillows and deep carpet.

By the time I started, there was a 6 inch puddle were I was supposed to sit, so I basically played a whole set of electronic music sitting in a puddle hoping nothing dripped on my gear. Fun stuff.

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by anselmi - 2013/05/29 07:18
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should I bring back THOSE PICS of the dancing girl to this thread? :P

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!

Posted by n3wt - 2013/05/29 08:39

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Accidentally erased patterns on my monomachine live before, that sucked.

Feedback issues with FX, sometimes I get out of hand with the biscuit and time factor combo and accedentally send something to the wrong aux send

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by poonti - 2013/05/29 10:03

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anselmi wrote:
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Wouldn't that belong in the "List of cool shit that happened live on stage" thread! :woohoo: :laugh:

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by anselmi - 2013/05/29 11:02

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Wouldn't that belong in the "List of cool shit that happened live on stage" thread! :woohoo: :laugh:

hahaha! well, I remember the club ownerÂ´s wife walking in erratic circles, looking at the floor and repeating "it was a mistake, a big mistake!" :laugh:

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by Laughing Animal - 2013/05/29 22:56

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I played a house party one night, doing an improv set with a microkorg, kp3, and electribe, looping melodies and bass lines on the fly with the KP3. Things were going great, I had the whole house moving, when I decided to put a bit of paper on my tongue.

Everything was going fine until the stuff started really kicking in, at which point hitting the same key on my microkorg produced a different note every time (there was no pitch modulation on the patch). I had to stop and let a couple of my friends mess with my gear while I went off and got my face painted and meditated and helped people do keg stands and stuff.

It was a fun night, but I learned to not take psychedelics while performing electronic music (never had any issues when playing drums though).

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Re:List of mistakes live on stage - share yours please!
Posted by jon mr - 2013/05/30 14:57

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Was playing a show and had a huge mishap. To start off, I've never had a problem drinking while playing out. Typically, I have about 3 drinks through a 2+ hour set. This night, though, I was getting drinks left and right from a friend who was celebrating a bit too much. Everything was going as planned until about an hour in. I was working on a multi-layered buildup with some very long samples, and then the alcohol happened. My friend came up and asked, "how and the hell are you doing all that?!" I showed him some features on the OT, and then for some reason my friend wanted to hear a rhodes through what I was playing. I brought up a rhodes sample, started playing around with live record on the OT while playing and tweaking, and for some reason instead of just getting out of record mode and/or getting rid of the sample and continue with bringing in drums and a kick my brain told me to, "STOP. STOP the rhodes...it's done and it's

outlived its usefulness." I double tapped stop twice and was very confused at what just happened with all of my gear coming to a halt. It was as if I couldn't comprehend what was going on. Everything from a bad power conditioner to bad amps ran through my head in milliseconds, but then it hit me that I was to blame. Try as I might to think up anything that might have the same energy (or might after a short buildup), I just couldn't come up with anything. The seconds that passed filled with a few boos and people walking away were the longest seconds of my life. I ultimately conceded with trying to figure out how to rework where I left off and started with some other material I was hoping to get to later on in the night.

Lesson to be learned, don't drink too many in too short of time. No amount of practice and muscle memory was going to save me from my sabotaging drunk brain.

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