
External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by RyanA4 - 2013/07/08 15:19

I'm in the market for some external effects. I've decided I hate adding them in a DAW, and it would be nice to step outside the OT/A4 FX and have some dedicated hardware control/extra global FX. Plus, my Ambika is coming along and I know I'll want some FX processing for it when it's done.

I'm pretty close to buying an OTO Biscuit, just because it's so unique and fun- plus the Der OTO sounds pretty great in and of itself.

However, does anyone have any recommendations for some other, more traditional FX processing that isn't a Sherman Filterbank?

Also considering: Jomox T-Res, Electro-Harmonix Stereo Memory Man (mostly for the reverse delay).

2 of the 3 I've listed are pretty distinctly harsh- anything a little brighter/delicate?

I'll consider Racks, guitar pedals or dedicated FX processors.

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by noxical - 2013/07/08 15:30

I am thinking about buying the Koma pedals. They Are analog, can be controlled with CV and are more affordable compared to the Moogerfoogers.

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by RyanA4 - 2013/07/08 16:19

Wow. Those are cool- the infared is a really cool feature.

I'm currently going down the Strymon rabbit hole on YouTube. This could be bad-for the wallet!

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by RyanA4 - 2013/07/08 17:30

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by Barfunkel - 2013/07/08 19:02

RyanA4 wrote:

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I'm only buying guitar pedals and tabletop units from now on.

Strymon's are a great choice, the delay units particularly. Eventide makes good pedals too.

One unit I'm buying myself in the near future is the Vermona Retroverb Lancet. Tabletop spring reverb with a really great sounding and editable filter and a knob for every function, what's not to like?

Moogerfoogers too, are worth considering. I think they're worth the money.

The Ekdahl Moisturizer is one option too, if you like exotic reverbs.

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by Rusty - 2013/07/08 20:26

Barfunkel wrote:

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by stiiiiiive - 2013/07/08 21:04

RyanA4 wrote:

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Pay attention to what Memory Man: the only one with reverse delay is the (digital) Deluxe Memory Man With Hazarai. Any other is analogue and won't reverse the echoes.

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by cosmosuave - 2013/07/08 22:17

http://www.elektron-users.com/index.php?option=com_fireboard&Itemid=28&func=view&id=223484&catid=11

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by StinkyBeat - 2013/07/08 22:59

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Yes, but cost an order of magnitude larger than what Barfunkel is referring to.

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by TrondC - 2013/07/08 23:58

I know you said no Sherman, but Elektron gear and Sherman Filterbank is a match made in heaven, just felt a need to let you know ;)

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by anselmi - 2013/07/09 00:02

EHX Cathedral...great sounding spring emulations, very good hall and room ones, excellent digital delay that's more usable than most dedicated delay units...you can even combine it with reverb

I got mine modded to accept CV for the freeze and delay time controls and this pumped it into another dimension of effects...granular, glitch, karpluss/strong, resonators...amazing pedal

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by EmTeX - 2013/07/09 05:19

i use a bosds re-20 for delays. a kp3 fro master fx and i'm buing ang tc halls of fame trinity edition soon. good guitar halll pedal

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by anigbrowl - 2013/07/09 13:06

Ensoniq DP/pro and related gear sounds particularly tasty and is not too pricey on the used market.

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Re:External FX processors- recommendations?

Posted by wolfgang - 2013/07/09 17:06

If I had more money (:() I would sell most of my current fx and get strymon pedals, probably timeline, mobius, and bluesky, maybe even an el cap or flint as well.

When I realized I wasn't going to be able to go the strymon route I slowly acquired a set of underrated, ebay deals that I'm pretty happy with:

boss dd-3
boss ch-1
boss se-70
boss vf-1
yamaha spx-90

got all those for less than \$200 total. B)

Also had a lexicon mpx-100 that I sold, It wasn't very good, I meant to get an mpx-1 which come from a slightly different lineage. I want at least something from lexicon.

I also ended up getting tc electronic hall of fame and flashback to cover some holes.

Bare in mind that I use these on guitar, bass, wurlitzer, vocals, as well as drums and synths.

I might replace something above with the EHX cathedral to mix it up a bit more, mainly because I see it on sooooo many people's boards, respectable people. ;)

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by MindRobber - 2013/07/11 02:31

You want something like the Elektron gear that is tailored for live performance.

Look at the Sherman Restyler, The Korg KAOS Pad, and anything that you can tweek in real time. You also want smooth patch transition. You don't want that delay to just cut off when you switch to the flange

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by Laughing Animal - 2013/07/13 00:07

I would recommend the Oto Biscuit. Never thought I'd get so much use from a bit-crushing device. Most of the demos I found show it's heavy/brutal side but I tend to use it for more subtle textural stuff (and for delay and chorus).

Strymon El Capistan is fantastic as well. Great vibe. I have a Blue Sky as well but find it's often too hi-fi/pristine for the sound sources I use going into it. I'd love to try the Mobius.

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Re:External FX processors- reccomendations?

Posted by RyanA4 - 2013/07/13 04:37

I went with the Biscuit, and you're right- the juicy, organic quality of it is not something I expected at ALL. It's so much more than a bitcrusher- it's like corn starch for a mix. I wish it had 2 stereo inputs!

Still figuring out the sequencer and hardly touched Der OTO- too much fun with the MD!

I'm probably going to move to Strymon stuff. I want the El Capistan but I might go for the TimeLine Delay first- it's just GORGEOUS and it has part of the El Cap in it already.

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