Welcome to the Garritan Personal Orchestra

We have all cherished the sound of a symphony orchestra. Orchestral music is everywhere around us - in the movies, on television, in interactive games, live performances, radio and in public venues. It is hard to escape the power and influence that orchestral music has. What makes orchestral music so expressive and vibrant is its wide variety of instruments. Each and every instrument has a unique sound capable of expressing the entire range of human emotion. When played together, the instruments blend into a wonderful symphony of sound.

Sometimes we might even wonder how it feels to conduct an orchestra or how our music would sound in the hands of a capable orchestra. New computing and sampling technology now makes this possible. With Personal Orchestra the grandeur of a symphony is at your command. The following presents some of the outstanding features of Personal Orchestra:

- **A Complete Orchestra at your Fingertips** - Garritan Personal Orchestra is an award-winning orchestral library that has become the industry standard. Affordable, easy-to-use and comprehensive. Includes all the major instruments of the orchestra - strings, brass, woodwinds, percussion and keyboards.
- **High Quality Orchestral Instruments** - includes the highest quality collection of orchestral instruments ever sampled. Quality instruments such as a Steinway® grand piano, Stradivari and Guarneri violins, concert harps, celesta, concert pipe organ, and many other fine instruments.
- **No Sampler Required** - The entire orchestral library is integrated with the Native Instrument Kontakt™ Player 2 and works as a virtual instrument. No need to purchase a separate sampler.
- **Easy-to-Use and Real Time Playability -** Create great sounding orchestral music quickly and easily. Just load your instruments and play. Standardized controls allow you to become familiar with the library quickly and master all the instruments easily. Play articulations in real-time and get expressive human-sounding performances. Express your musical ideas fast and with minimal effort.
- **Ensemble Maker** - Garritan Personal Orchestra provides individual instruments from which you can build your own ensembles and sections the way you want. Construct solos, duos, trios, quartets, chamber groups, ensembles, sections or a full symphony orchestra**.**
- **Notation Integration to Play from the Score** – You can play your orchestrations directly from the score of supported notation programs.
- **Universal Format** - Supports all popular formats, Mac and PC, as a standalone program or as a plug-in (VST, DXi, RTAS, and OS X AudioUnits), works with supported notation programs, and will also load into KONTAKT Native Instruments' flagship sampler. An entire orchestra can be loaded on a single PC or laptop.
- **Suited for Everybody** - Professional film composers can use this collection for quick orchestral sketches and capturing creative ideas. Hobbyists can use it for adding orchestrations to their tracks. Educators and students can use it for scoring projects or studying orchestration. Imagine orchestrating on a beach, or on a plane, or anywhere!

My goal is to bring the power and majesty of a full symphony orchestra into the hands of any musician who has wanted to enhance their music. It is my hope that Personal Orchestra will enable you to make great music and that it will enrich your life.

Gary Garritan

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The RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS for Kontakt Player 2 & Sound Library is 2 GB of free hard disk space, DVD Drive, Windows XP (Pentium 4 /Athlon 2 GHz or better is recommended), Mac OS 10.4 or higher (G4 1.5ghz or better required. G5/MacIntel recommended). The Mod Wheel on your keyboard controls volume so make sure to move it up to an audible level. If you do not have a Mod Wheel, then the ability to assign the controller within your notation program, sequencer or to an external controller is required. To play the entire orchestra, we recommend a minimum of 1 GB of RAM. Your system must meet or exceeds these requirements. Please also observe the system requirements of your host application.

Installation

If this is your first Kontakt Player 2 product, then the Player will be installed with the library. If you already own a Kontakt Player 2 library, the Player installation will be skipped and just the library will be installed. To install the Garritan Personal Orchestra and Kontakt Player 2:

1. Check that your computer meets the minimum requirements to run Kontakt Player
2. Quit all applications.
3. Insert the DVD into the drive.
4. Use the Windows Explorer (PC) or Apple Finder (Mac) to open the installation DVD if does not open automatically.
5. Start the Installation Program by double clicking Setup.exe (Windows) or the Kontakt Player OSX Install icon (Mac). Follow the instructions on the screen to guide you through the installation procedure.

Please refer to the documentation included with this product for installation details, setup, registration and authorization. There is also more detailed information on the Native Instruments site. The Garritan site has information on how to use the Garritan libraries with various sequencers and notation programs.

Software Updates

The Garritan Personal Orchestra, along with other Garritan libraries, are some of the most technologically advanced software instruments and are constantly being improved by Garritan and Native Instruments. For optimal performance make sure that you always use the latest versions of the Garritan Personal Orchestra. You can find out more about updates from the www.garritan.com web site.

Contact

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For more information about Kontakt 2 and Native Instruments please visit the Native Instruments website at: www.native-instruments.com or contact them at info@native-instruments .com.

Getting Help

The first place to look for a solution to any problem you may be experiencing is in this manual. Please read the manual before contacting support. Next, check any readme files which contain important information and all last minute changes that haven't been available when printing this guide.

Important: For registration support for the Native Instruments KONTAKT 2, please contact: support@native-instruments.com or Native Instruments Tech Support at: (323) 467-2693 (US) or +49-3061103520 (Europe). Please do not call Garritan Libraries for technical support regarding Kontakt Player 2 or any other third-party application or program. All Kontakt Player 2 support issues are handled by Native Instruments. Please contact the respective companies for support on their applications.

If you can't find a solution to your problem by any of the above methods, please email us at support@garritan.com. The best way to get the help you need is by giving us plenty of information about the problem you are having and your computer details. We do ask you to read this guide thoroughly and exhaust the other avenues of support before contacting us.

The Garritan Personal Orchestra is a dynamic library that is evolving and growing. Please check the support area of our website at www.garritan.com for the latest up-to-date information, FAQs, helpful hints, notation files, troubleshooting advice, tips and techniques, plug-ins, special programming, informative links and many tutorials. Another resource is the support forums at www.garritan.com/forum.html.

For the Latest… please visit our website at www.garritan.com.

The Garritan Community

Owning the Garritan Personal Orchestra gives you much more than a product. One of the most valuable benefits is membership into a community of musicians.

The Garritan Forum is where Garritan Personal Orchestra users and other Garritan library users from around the world come to discuss everything related to music. It's the perfect way to find the latest news and announcements, ask questions and share your music made with the Garritan Personal Orchestra. If you want to browse, share your thoughts about the Garritan Personal Orchestra, impart knowledge, listen to demos, learn, and interact with other Garritan Personal Orchestra users - this is the place! You can also communicate privately with other musicians (PM), respond to polls, participate in real-time chats, read how-to tutorials, and get support and help from others. There is a wealth of information among the tens of thousands of posts in the forum and a convenient 'search' feature to find what you are looking for.

The Garritan forum can be accessed at: http://www.garritan.com/forum.html

Registration is fast, simple and absolutely free so please, join our community today!

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