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## MOMA DESIGN STORE TO DEBUT MID-CENTURY-STYLED ROLAND PIANO

Roland Kiyola Home Piano Collaboration with Japanese Furniture Designer Karimoku Available in U.S. Exclusively from MoMA Design Store Through June 2018

CES, Las Vegas, NV, January 8, 2018 — Roland (LVCC Central Hall, Booth# 17544) is proud to announce that the Museum of Modern Art's MoMA Design Store will debut Roland's first mid-century-styled home piano in the U.S. as part of their Spring Summer 2018 catalog collection. Hand-crafted in Japan from all-natural wood, and available in U.S. exclusively from MoMA Design Store January 21 through June 30, 2018, the Kiyola is unlike any other piano on the market. Created in a collaboration with Roland and Japanese furniture designer Karimoku, Japan's largest wood furniture-maker since 1940, the Kiyola is a slim, ergonomically contoured piano that complements living spaces like a piece of artisan furniture, with individual grain patterns unique to each piano, making each piano a work of art.

With its model name translating as "elegance and beauty," the Kiyola is visually unique, drawing stylistically from mid-century modern furniture design aesthetics. Karimoku is also a noted exponent of environmentally friendly, low-formaldehyde timber, maintaining a socially responsible piano footprint with chic design. Roland will exhibit the Kiyola piano for the first time in the U.S. during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, January 9–12, 2018.

Emmanuel Plat, director of merchandising at MoMA Retail, said, "We are thrilled to debut Roland's Mid-Century Piano in the United States at MoMA Design Store. Having worked with Karimoku in Japan, when we initially saw the product, we were in awe of its beauty and craftsmanship juxtaposed with the innovative technology, making this a unique addition to our offerings."

Roland Corporation Vice President of Global Business Development Brian Alli said, "Roland is honored that MoMA Design Store selected our piano for their catalog and that MoMA Design Store will be debuting this instrument in the U.S. This piano is like nothing else ever offered by any instrument maker, and MoMA Design Store's interest and support for the Kiyola is an inspiration to our entire Roland organization worldwide. We are very proud to be a part of this endeavor."

Legendary Roland digital sound technology meets artisan craftsmanship and tradition with the Kiyola piano, offering an all-natural handcrafted wood cabinet that complements living spaces with minimalist elegance and Roland's innovative electronic music technology. The Kiyola delivers top-level performance with flagship features including SuperNATURAL Piano sound modelling, dynamic sensing technology via the new PHA-50 keyboard, wireless *Bluetooth*® connectivity and a dynamic array of speakers to fill homes with sound. Available exclusively from MoMA Design Store in a Pure Oak finish, the Kiyola comes with a foot pedal and an ergonomically designed piano bench.

To learn more about the Roland Kiyola, visit Roland.com.

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## About MoMA Design Store

MoMA Design Store offers curator-approved products that bring quality, creativity, and design innovation to everyday living. Every purchase supports groundbreaking exhibitions at The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), a wide range of education programs, and the preservation of the Museum's collection. In 1932, MoMA was the first art museum to establish a curatorial department dedicated to Architecture & Design, and by mid-century, it was playing a leading role in defining and promoting the values of "Good Design," which MoMA Design Store continues to champion. Shop online at <a href="store.moma.org">store.moma.org</a>, or at locations in SoHo, on 53rd Street, and within The Museum.

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