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Roland Announces Version 2.5 Update for the FANTOM Synthesizer Series



Free System Update Adds Roland's Virtual ToneWheel Organ Technology and Official Integration with Ableton Live

Los Angeles, CA, July 13, 2021 — Roland announces a free Version 2.5 update for owners of the FANTOM 6, 7, and 8 synthesizers. Released in 2019, the versatile FANTOM series has become the leading keyboard workstation solution for both stage performers and studio musicians, thanks to the deep, expandable power of the ZEN-Core Synthesis System and regular updates that bring new sounds, features, and refinements to the platform. The user-installable Version 2.5 update adds classic organ sound and playability with Roland's Virtual ToneWheel engine, plus extended DAW control with integrated support for the popular Ableton Live music production software.

Evolved from the famous Roland VK organ series, FANTOM's new Virtual ToneWheel engine faithfully emulates the sound-generating process of a real tone wheel organ and includes several tone wheel types with adjustable percussion, key click, leakage, and more. There's also a lush rotary effect with variable speed, brake control, and tube distortion characteristics. FANTOM's touchscreen, sliders, knobs, and keyboard action are automatically configured to

complete the authentic organ experience, providing hands-on sound control and vintage quick-fire playability.

FANTOM now features official integration with Ableton Live, expanding on the previously included support for Apple's Logic Pro X, GarageBand, and MainStage software platforms. Via FANTOM's high-resolution touchscreen, it's possible to view and launch clips in Live's Session view, access Live's mixer parameters, and trigger transport functions. And with FANTOM's knobs, sliders, and pads, users can operate Macro Controls, control mix levels, play Drum Racks, and more.

To learn more about the Roland FANTOM series and Version 2.5 update, visit Roland.com.

To download the Roland FANTOM 6, 7 and 8 Version 2.5 update, visit the "Downloads" section of the FANTOM series specifications page here.

For the full press kit, including hi-res images, click here.

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For nearly 50 years, Roland's innovative electronic musical instruments and multimedia products have fueled inspiration in artists and creators around the world. Embraced by hobbyists and professionals alike, the company's trendsetting gear spans multiple categories, from pianos, synthesizers, guitar products, and electronic percussion to DJ controllers, audio/video solutions, livestreaming products, and more. As technology evolves, Roland continues to lead the way for gigging musicians, producers, and beatmakers, providing modern software-based solutions and seamless creative workflows between hardware products, computers, and mobile devices. For more information, visit Roland.com or see your local Roland dealer.

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