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ROLAND INTRODUCES SP-404A LINEAR WAVE SAMPLER

Compact Performance Sampler Added to the AIRA Series

Los Angeles, CA, August 8, 2017 — Roland has introduced the SP-404A Linear Wave Sampler, a new performance sampler added to the AIRA instrument lineup. Designed for live use, the SP-404A expands the sounds of the Roland AIRA TR-8 Rhythm Performer for a combination of sample and percussive synthesis. It also functions as a portable standalone sampler with a built-in mic and battery-powered operation. Offering a fast, hands-on approach, the SP-404A is a perfect fit for the rhythmic effects and step-sequencer of the TR-8.

The <u>SP-404A</u> is based on Roland's popular SP-404SX, a longtime sampling favorite of DJs and music producers. All of the functions and features of the SP-404SX are contained in the SP-404A, including 16-bit linear sampling, 29 onboard DSP effects, smooth FX switching, 12 professional performance pads, and an onboard pattern sequencer.

The SP-404A can be triggered from the TR-8 Rhythm Performer via MIDI for integrated beat and sample production. Users can incorporate samples from the SP-404A and use them in conjunction with drum patterns, and each of the TR-8's 11 tracks can trigger a sample on the SP-404A, play a TR-8 sound, or both.

In addition, the TR-8 can be used as an audio sub-mixer and processor for the SP-404A. In this configuration, all samples played on the SP-404A can be effected using the TR-8's Scatter feature to reverse, glitch, gate, truncate, stutter, and perform all types of rhythmic variations in perfect sync. Samples can also be controlled by the TR-8's per-step Side Chain function for rhythmic ducking and gating effects.

To get users started with sample looping, the SP-404A comes with an SD card loaded with a library of new sounds created by Loopmasters, a leading sample developer. The samples in the library have been designed specifically to complement the TR-8, but also work well in standalone applications.

To learn more about the SP-404A Linear Wave Sampler, visit Roland.com.

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