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ROLAND HONORED WITH THREE 2018 GOOD DESIGN AWARDS

Winning Products Include the TD-1KPX2 V-Drums Portable Electronic Drum Kit, Roland Boutique Series Synthesizers, and the Just-Released LX708 Digital Piano



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Hamamatsu, Japan, October 10, 2018 —Roland is pleased to announce that the Japan Institute of Design and Promotion has honored the TD-1KPX2 V-Drums electronic drum kit, the Roland Boutique series, and the just-released LX708 Digital Piano each with "Good Design Award 2018" accolades. The TD-1KPX2 and the Roland Boutique Series were also chosen for the "My Favorite Choice for Good Design 2018—Good Design Award 2018 Jury's Personal Selections Exhibit." This [exhibit](#), held in Tokyo from October 3 to November 4, showcases a select group of Good Design Award 2018-winning products that were personal favorites of this year's jury members, and the Roland Boutique series will be there on display.

Organized by the Japan Institute of Design and Promotion since 1975, the Good Design Award is the sole comprehensive design evaluation and promotion program in Japan. Many companies and designers from both inside and outside of Japan participate in this annual design event to not only enhance the industry but to also highlight the enhanced quality of life achieved through design. "G Mark," the symbol of the award, is widely recognized as an emblem of exemplary design.

The Roland [TD-1KPX2 V-Drums Portable](#) is an electronic drum kit that allows drummers to give authentic performances in a small space and then fold it away for compact storage. It features Roland's proprietary mesh-head V-Pads for snare and toms to enable playing with a feel that closely resembles acoustic drums. Additional features include built-in sounds for 15 different types of tones covering a diverse range of musical genres from rock to jazz, as well as a coaching function that helps drummers develop basic techniques. This model also supports twin pedals for playing the kick drum with both feet to deliver dynamic performances for hard rock songs.



The Good Design jury commented, "Even while special designs have been incorporated to refine the TD-1KPX2's performance in terms of its compact foldability, no compromise has been made with respect to its playability as a drum kit. This product garnered praise in terms of how its compact form factor, when not in use, would support a diverse range of situations from home use to live performances, and how this would extend the enjoyment of musical performances to a wider range of people."

Designed for fans of the unique synth tones that were popular in the '80s, the [Roland Boutique series](#) is packed with authentic sounds in a compact package. Since the series' debut in 2015, Roland has released 13 models, including some that reproduce the tones of TR-808 and TB-303—two instruments that have influenced countless musicians and producers and continue to remain popular to this day. Models comprising the Roland Boutique series Good Design Award 2018 include the TR-08 Rhythm Composer, which recreates the sounds of the iconic TR-808 drum machine, the TB-03 Bass Line, the SH-01A Synthesizer, the SE-02 Analog Synthesizer, the D-05 Linear Synthesizer, the K-25m Keyboard Unit, and the DK-01 Boutique Dock.



"In a product category that is dominated by digital products, the Roland Boutique series synthesizers are based on an enthusiasm for the analog feel. Incorporating the latest technologies, this series recreates—in a compact form factor and without sacrificing their ease of use—the flavors of vintage synthesizers that cannot be expressed on their digital counterparts. The entire series is designed on a unified theme which is sure to pique the fascination of collectors," stated the Good Design jury.

The [LX708 Digital Piano](#) is one of three new models just released as part of Roland's [LX700 piano series](#) debut. All pianos in this line are equipped with proprietary "PureAcoustic Piano Modeling technology" which reproduces the way pianos create sound in response to players touching keys and the way sounds interact with the acoustic qualities of varied physical locations. This enables players to enjoy their performance with a more natural sensitivity for the expressive tones and rich resonance produced on grand pianos. The LX708, and all pianos in the LX700 series, can meticulously reproduce the acoustic characteristics of concert halls, cathedrals, and other spaces where pianos are played, giving players the ultimate experience in piano performance and allowing them to feel the resonance as if they were actually playing in that particular space.



"The LX708 garnered praise for its developers' approach of pursuing a new interpretation for digital pianos," added the Good Design jury. "Instead of hiding its speakers and controls, this product adopts a design where they are made visible in a clear and aesthetically pleasing way, also giving it the elegance that pianos are known for. Meticulous attention has also gone into the keyboard touch, making this product a beautiful fusion of digital and acoustic."

To learn more about the wide variety of award-winning drum, keyboard, guitar, recording, and DJ musical instruments created by Roland's talented team of engineers and product designers, please visit Roland.com.

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