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### Roland Announces SP-404MKII Stones Throw Limited Edition

Special Collector's Version of the SP-404MKII Sampler with Custom Panel Artwork, Exclusive Sample Banks, and New Music Created by the Stones
Throw Records' Roster



Hamamatsu, Japan, October 19, 2023 — Roland announces the SP-404MKII Stones Throw Limited Edition, an exclusive version of the world's favorite portable sampler. Co-curated with Stones Throw Records, this unique SP model collaboration is more than just a tool—it's a work of art. Featuring a high-shine aluminum faceplate with custom artwork, new sound banks crafted by the label's roster, and a collector's package with a seven-inch vinyl record and mixtape, the SP-404MKII Stones Throw Limited Edition celebrates the creative spirit of independent music artists everywhere.

Founded by producer and DJ Peanut Butter Wolf in 1996, Stones Throw Records has built an indie music empire by supporting diverse, cutting-edge artists and spreading the word through vinyl, merch, and events. Touchstone releases include albums by Madvillain, J Dilla, Madlib, NxWorries, Knxwledge, Sudan Archives, Mayer Hawthorne, Dâm-Funk, and Aloe Blacc, all widely considered modern musical masterpieces.

Stones Throw and its artists helped create the blueprint for contemporary independent music culture, and the label's massive influence was spotlighted in the 2014 feature-length documentary *Our Vinyl Weighs a Ton*. Roland SP instruments have been key creative catalysts for the label's roster and fans, who continue to unlock new musical frontiers using the portable samplers' fluid workflow and go-everywhere design.

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The SP-404MKII Stones Throw Limited Edition includes ten full banks of brand-new samples and patterns from Kiefer, Sudan Archives, Mndsgn, J.Rocc, and DJ Harrison. This special model also features a custom Stones Throw aluminum faceplate and special packaging designed by Jeff Jank, the legendary art director and illustrator behind the label's most quintessential releases.

The SP-404MKII Stones Throw Limited Edition comes with additional collector's content that's not available anywhere else. There's a seven-inch vinyl record with two certified burners from Kiefer and Mndsgn—constructed using their custom SP sound banks—plus a cassette mixtape by DJ icon J.Rocc with an exclusive 30-minute remix of music from the SP-404MKII x Stones Throw artists.

#### About the SP-404MKII

Roland SP samplers are the bona fide kings of performance-based beatmaking, with deep features and portable designs that fuel the engines of creators on the move. The SP-404MKII is the latest generation model in the long-running series, delivering ultimate performance with the latest tech advancements and updates inspired by the global SP community. Key features include a vivid OLED display, 17 velocity-sensitive RGB pads, extensive onboard effects, versatile power options, and more.

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