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Shirokuma releases the Giga 3 version of NDB Pipe Organ Samples

The largest and best pipe organ sample collection is shipping now

Budapest, Hungary, September 7, 2004 – Together with the release of GigaStudio 3, the new edition of *Notre Dame de Budapest (NDB) Pipe Organ Samples* is available from today – announced Budapest-based Shirokuma Ltd.

‘We have not stopped working since we announced the new edition and we are happy to report that we can offer even more than what we promised’ – said *Csaba Huszty*, NDB architect and lead engineer. ‘The new edition features over 60 organ stops and combinations and exceeds the previous version in just about every detail. We have included even a 7-channel impulse response reverb to illustrate the capabilities of the new GigaStudio version. The library has now more than 3000 samples, recorded and processed in 96 kHz/32-bit but besides the organ sounds, NDB has the capability of imitating live recordings using various background sound effects often heard at the cathedral. While we still believe that a sampling library cannot compete with a real instrument, we do hope that the nearly two years of post processing helped us achieve a yet unheard level of sound realism and authenticity, and create a mature, easy-to-use structure for the largest pipe organ sampling library to date.’

The stops and combinations of the new library, which fill 6 DVDs with more than 22 GB of sample data, were chosen in cooperation with award-winning concert organists and pipe organ experts. Shirokuma also paid heed to user feedback and included content requested by its customers.

‘To be honest, this is the moment we have been waiting for over a year’ – said Shirokuma CEO *Szabolcs Varga*. ‘Now that GigaStudio 3 is finally out, we can show the world what we are really capable of. We hope Hungary will now become a better known place among sound sample customers.’

Besides the Full Edition, the new library, which features 24-bit, 48-kHz samples, an entry-level Compact Edition is also available. To preserve backward compatibility, Shirokuma made both editions available in 16-bit format, so that GigaStudio 2.x users can benefit from the enhancements of the new library as well.

More than fifty percent of the income goes directly to the cathedrals to maintain their organs, part of world heritage.

Price and availability

Notre Dame de Budapest Pipe Organ Samples v3 is available now. It can be purchased at NDB website (<http://www.ndb.hu>)* and all major music shops specializing on quality sound samples. The recommended list prices of NDB Full and Compact Editions are €350 (\$419) and €99 (\$119), respectively. For more information and demos of the new library, please visit the NDB website (<http://www.ndb.hu>).

About Shirokuma

Shirokuma Ltd was founded in 2001 with the goal of providing real, accountable quality within the IT industry. The privately held company specializes on IT consulting and support, custom development and various kinds of IT- and language-related services, including professional translation and localization. While professional audio was not directly in sight when the company was formed, Shirokuma reached international fame with its *Notre Dame de Budapest Pipe Organ Samples* sound library.

More information: <http://www.shirokuma.hu>.

About NDB

According to what organists and organ experts say, *Notre Dame de Budapest Pipe Organ Samples* is the ultimate pipe organ sampling DVD – the only sample collection, which really contains all important stop combinations of a symphonic organ together with the the natural reverb of the cathedrals. Also, for the first time in the world, the collection offers real swellbox, crescendo and tremolo effects – just like a real pipe organ. More information: <http://www.ndb.hu>.

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