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Shirokuma releases Kontakt 2 version of NDB Pipe Organ Samples – special introductory offer until May 1 *Looped Giga 3 version also released*

Musikmesse, Frankfurt, Germany, March 31, 2006 – Shirokuma today announced that the highly acclaimed pipe organ library of the company is now available for the widely popular Kontakt 2 sampler, too. To celebrate the next milestone achieved, Shirokuma offers a special introductory price of \$199 for the downloadable version for those who order the library until May 1, 2006.

The Kontakt 2 version of the library is built on the recently finished looped versions of the recorded samples. Naturally, there will be a looped GigaStudio 3 edition as well. ‘As in the past, our goal is to meet the demands of our customers. Lower price, Kontakt 2 and smaller sizes were what we kept hearing for quite some time. NDB now delivers them all.’ – said *Szabolcs Varga*, managing director of publisher Shirokuma. ‘Plus we added online delivery.’

Current and future owners of the company’s flagship product, the loopless, 6-DVD NDB Pipe Organ Samples will receive the looped samples for free.

‘There has been some debate whether you can or cannot, should or should not loop samples of pipe organs. We decided to give the perfect answer so you can use whichever you want: looped samples for optimized size or the loopless ones for absolute clarity’ – said NDB architect *Csaba Huszty*.

Price and availability

NDB Pipe Organ Samples Full Edition for GigaStudio 3 is available for \$459. The box now includes the looped version of the samples as well. Existing users may download the extensions for free or may receive it for media price and shipping. There is no downloadable version of this box (as the data it contains exceeds 30 GB in size).

NDB Pipe Organ Samples Looped Edition for GigaStudio 3 and Kontakt 2 will be available for download for \$250. Customers may order a boxed version too, for media price and shipping. However, everyone who sends an order until May 1, 2006, may receive the product for an introductory price of \$199 (download only).

NDB Pipe Organ Samples Compact Edition for GigaStudio 3 and Kontakt 2 will be available for download for \$99. Customers may order a boxed version too, for media price and shipping.

More information, product literature and demos about the products are available at the NDB website, at www.ndb.hu.

The GigaStudio 2.x version of the library is now officially discontinued.

About NDB

NDB Pipe Organ Samples is a comprehensive sound sampling library containing original pipe organ sounds from two symphonic organs of two Hungarian cathedrals. The 6-DVD collection contains more than 3000 samples in more than 23 GB of sounds in 24-bit samples in more than 60 stops and combinations together. Scientific measurements of the acoustical environments of the cathedrals allowed NDB to reach yet unheard level of authenticity. It is the "best and cheapest" pipe organ library ever made, and available in several editions for GigaStudio and Kontakt 2. One of the sampled instruments is located in Hungary's most famous church, probably one of the main symbols of the capital, Budapest, the Notre Dame de Buda (The Church of the Blessed Virgin or commonly known as Matthias-Church), which has a huge 99-stop Rieger-Kloss organ. This is one of the biggest organs in Hungary and together with its Choir Organ (*Fernwerk*), it really is the biggest: it has 104 stops all together. The second instrument sampled, Notre Dame de Kispest (Church of Our Lady, Kispest) has a brilliant 38-stop Varga organ, which sounds uniquely symphonic. It has many stops that are known as the most beautiful ones in the country.

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 natural reverb of the cathedrals.

For the first time in the world, the collection offers real, scientifically measured swellbox, crescendo and tremolo effects – just like a real pipe organ. More information: <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, web hosting, 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 sampling library.

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

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