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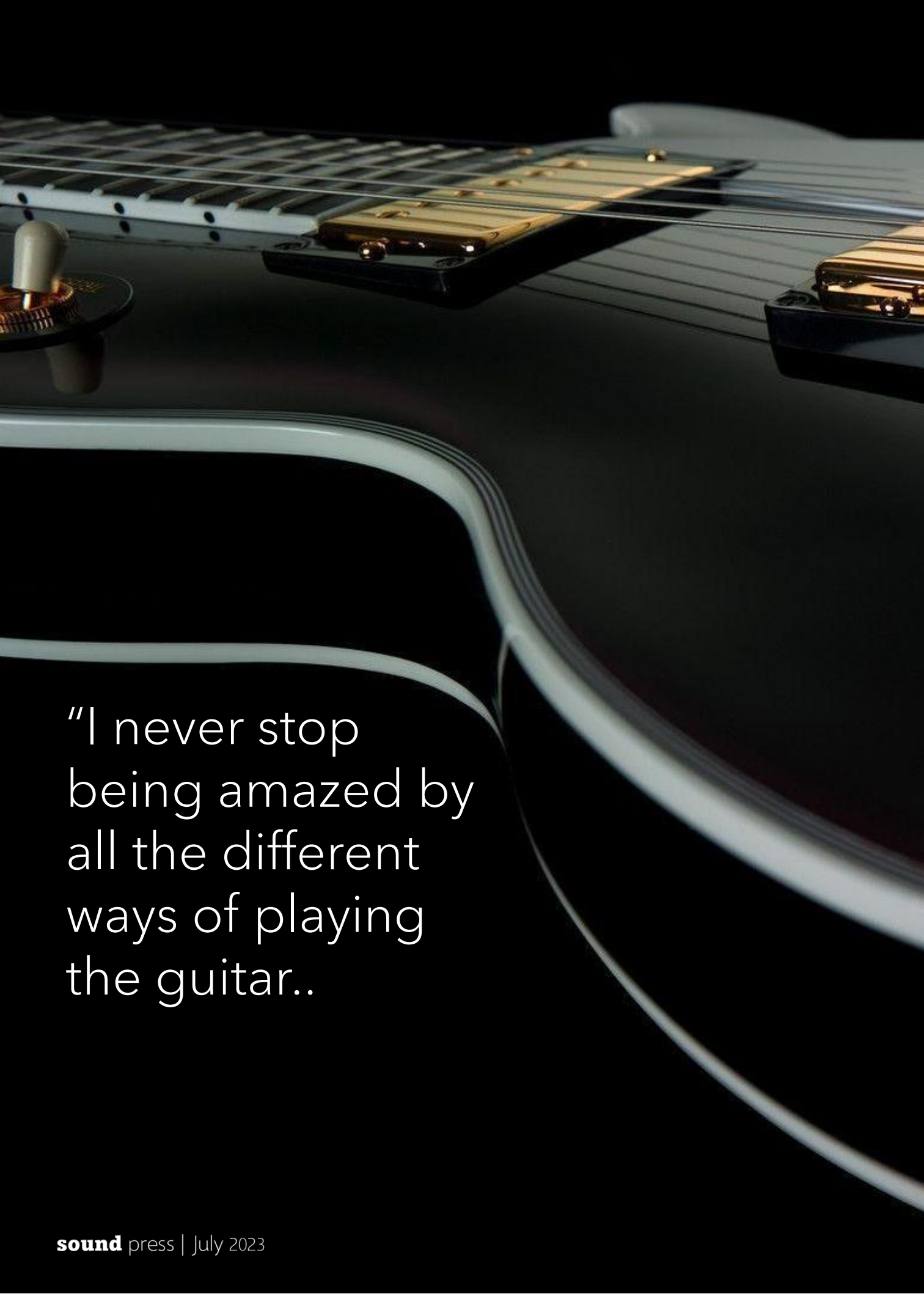
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A close-up, low-angle shot of a black electric guitar. The focus is on the bridge area, showing two gold-colored humbucker pickups mounted on a white pickguard. The strings are visible, and the fretboard with frets extends into the background. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the metallic surfaces of the pickups and the smooth curves of the guitar body.

"I never stop
being amazed by
all the different
ways of playing
the guitar..



..and making it deliver a
message."

-LES PAUL-

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS!

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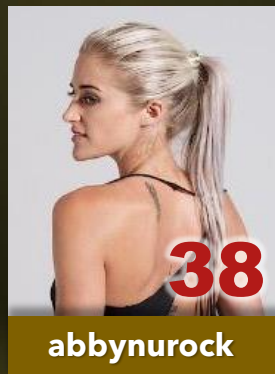
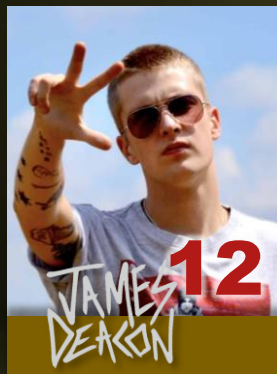
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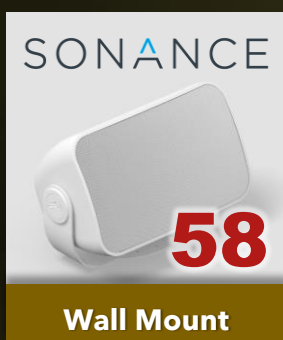
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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the July 2023 edition of Proaudio Sound Press Magazine! We are thrilled to have you here as we bring you the latest updates and exciting news from the world of professional audio. This issue is jam-packed with articles, reviews, and interviews featuring some of the most renowned brands in the industry.

One of the highlights of this edition is our special focus on esteemed brands like Pioneer DJ, Sonance, Audio-Technica, KRK Systems, RCF Speakers, Power Works, Epiphone, and many more. These companies have consistently pushed the boundaries of audio technology, delivering innovative and high-quality products that have shaped the pro audio landscape.

We have in-depth reviews of the newest offerings from Pioneer DJ, where their cutting-edge controllers and mixers continue to set the standard for DJs worldwide. Sonance's exquisite range of architectural speakers will captivate your senses, providing an unparalleled audio experience in any space. Audio-Technica's dedication to precision and performance shines through in their latest lineup of headphones and microphones, designed to elevate your audio endeavors.

KRK Systems, with their unwavering commitment to studio monitoring excellence, introduces exciting new additions to their renowned monitor range. RCF Speakers continues to redefine live sound with their powerful and versatile speaker systems, ensuring crystal-clear audio reproduction for every performance. Power Works brings you the latest advancements in amplification technology, guaranteeing top-notch sound reinforcement for any event or venue.

But that's not all!

Epiphone, known for their exceptional craftsmanship and superb guitars, unveils their latest models that will ignite your passion for music. We also showcase many other notable brands that are making waves in the pro audio world, providing you with a comprehensive look at the latest and greatest in the industry.

In addition to our brand features, this edition includes expert articles, insider tips, and interviews with industry professionals who share their insights and experiences. Whether you're a seasoned audio engineer, a passionate musician, or an avid audio enthusiast, we have something for everyone in this edition.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our dedicated readers, contributors, and the incredible brands that continue to innovate and inspire. Without your support, this magazine would not be possible.

So sit back, immerse yourself in the world of professional audio, and enjoy the July 2023 edition of Proaudio Sound Press Magazine. We hope this issue brings you knowledge, inspiration, and a renewed passion for all things sound-related.

Thank you for joining us on this journey, and we look forward to your continued support.

Happy reading!

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THE press ROOM

The Fugees announce world tour to celebrate 25 years of 'The Score'

Marking the release of the iconic 1996 record, and their first live tour in 15 years, Lauryn Hill, Wyclef Jean and Pras Michael are reuniting as The Fugees for a 12-date tour.

'The Score' was the second and final studio album from The Fugees before they disbanded in 2005 after citing creative differences. The LP sold 22 million copies worldwide, and certified seven times platinum in sales by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

You can check out the dates for the reunion tour, which is set to make stops in New York, Los Angeles, London and Paris, and an as-yet unannounced date in Ghana.



Tomorrowland announces full timetable for 2023 festival

For the Belgian festival's 17th edition, more than 750 artists will play across 16 stages with the event once again taking place over two weekends from 21st-23rd July and 28th-30th July. This year's theme is 'Adscendo', and a special main stage set has been crafted around the theme by Tomorrowland's in-house design team.

The bulk of this year's line-up was confirmed in January. Adam Beyer, Tiësto, Martin Garrix, HAAi, Steve Aoki, Black Coffee, ANNA, Amelie Lens, Honey Dijon, Alesso and Tale Of Us are among the many acts set to play, with Eric Prydz also locked in for a performance of his HOLO show.

Radiohead's 'OK Computer' recreated using Nintendo 64 game sounds: Listen

The creation is the work of YouTuber on4word, who has reimagined the tracks of Radiohead's classic third album with sounds from games such as 'Super Mario 64', 'The Legend Of Zelda: Majora's Mask', 'The Legend Of Zelda: Ocarina Of Time', 'Golden Eye 007', 'Banjo Kazooie', 'Yoshi's Story' and 'Kirby 64: The Crystal Shards'.

A YouTube video featuring the recreations, which you can watch below, also comes backed with visuals from the games that were used to remake the album, which has been given the name 'OK Nintendo 64'.



SAMRO introduces once-off application fee for new members

The Southern African Music Rights Organisation (SAMRO) has introduced a once-off application fee for musicians who wish to join the organisation, which will be used to cover the administration costs of processing new membership applications. This application fee is not applicable to current Samro members. The non-refundable application fee for first-time applicants will be R100 for composers and authors and R500 for publishers and will come into effect from 1 June 2023.



Prince Kaybee Releases Three New Singles

Featuring 'Amaphiko Ezono' With Azana

Following the announcement of his 6th Studio album titled 'Music Theory' Prince Kaybee sets the mood with three lead singles. The songs include features from vocalist and songwriter Azana on 'Amaphiko Ezono' and 'Inkumbulo' and Starr Healer on 'Oh Boy'.



DJ Shimza

celebrates receiving gold plaque for his single. Music DJ and producer, DJ Shimza commemorated a milestone as his single reached gold status.

DJ Shimza is undeniably one of the biggest DJ in the country. He has made his mark on international stages and the international audience love his house music sound. His music has made waves on streaming platforms and he has released successful albums. He is continuing to climb the ladder as he is now rubbing shoulders with international sensations and doing gigs overseas.



DJ Black Coffee Gives Nathi Mankayi His Flowers

DJ Black Coffee gives Nathi Mankayi his flowers. Grammy award winning DJ and producer, DJ Black Coffee recently commended singer and songwriter Nathi Mankayi following the release of his album. South African artists are always supporting their fellow musicians which is a beautiful thing to witness. They show support and love when someone drops music by promoting and streaming to the music. DJ Black Coffee is one of those artists that support and cheer on musicians who are doing well in the music industry.



NELSON MANDELA

TOP 10 RULES FOR SUCCESS

1- Demand respect.

You decide how it is that you wish to be treated in your life. If you do not demand respect, from others and from yourself, then you will never have it.

2- Prove them wrong.

The judgements and labels that people place upon you are only yours if you take hold of them. Instead of being deflated by the opinions of others, use them to fuel your inner fire and prove them wrong!

3- Use your time wisely.

Your time on Earth is limited. Let go of the past and do not worry about the future. Focus your energy on becoming the best version of yourself that you can be, right now.

4- Don't worry about labels.

Labels are useless. It's action and intention that drives humans forward.

5- Be humble.

Humility is one of the greatest assets you can have in life. When you have the courage to look at yourself honestly, you are made humble by default. It is those people who go on to great success.



6- Have heroes.

Heroes aren't just for kids. We all need people we look up to, people who inspire us when we feel like the world gets a little too much.

7- Take a stand.

Don't be afraid to go against the tide. It is so important in life to educate yourself and make up your own mind rather than following the crowd.

8- Manage your emotions.

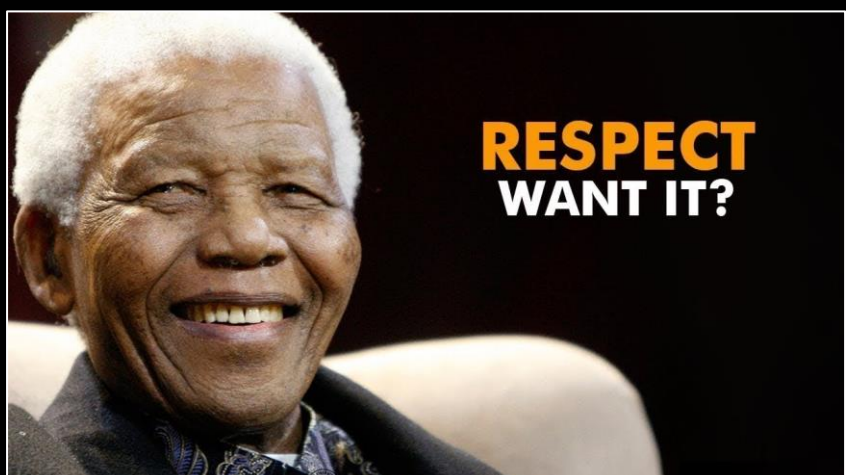
The more intense our emotional state, the less clearly we are able to think and therefore we struggle to communicate clearly. You have the power to manage your emotional state and doing so is key to a successful life.

9- Be willing to die for your cause.

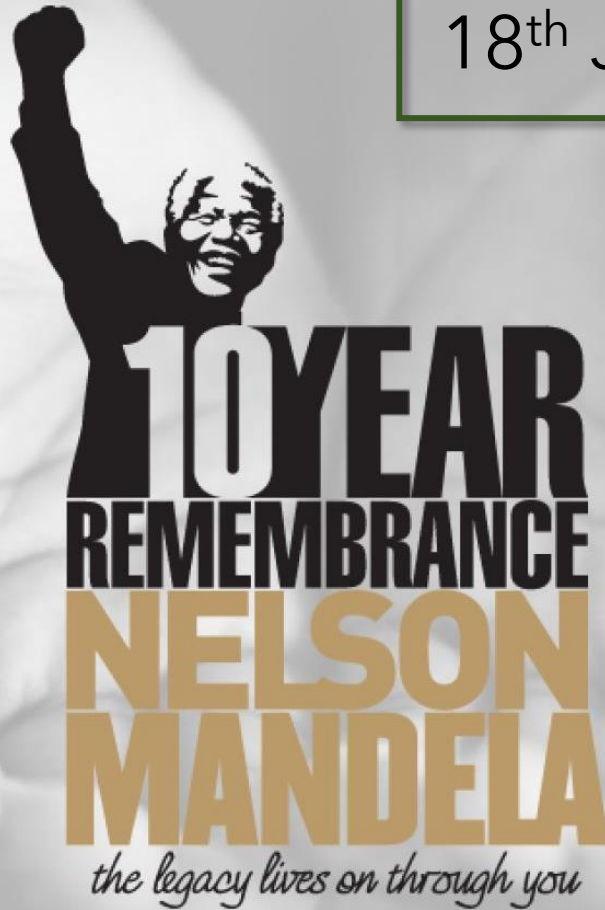
Be so passionate that you would literally die before you quit.

10- Speak with conviction.

Trust that what you have to say is valuable to the world. You are a powerful being, and you have a right to be heard. Speak your truth, no matter how quietly.



18th July 2023



MAKE EVERYDAY A MANDELA DAY #ITISINYOURHANDS

Mandela Day is an annual global celebration that takes place on 18 July to honour the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela. This day is a call to action for individuals, communities, and organisations to take time to reflect on Mandela's values and principles and to make a positive impact in their own communities.



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**“It is
music
and
dancing
that makes
me at peace
with the world,
and at peace with myself.”**

-Nelson Mandela-

Exploring the Appeal of *Epiphone*[®] Guitars

Choosing a guitar is a highly subjective decision, and different brands appeal to different players based on personal preferences, playing styles, and budget considerations. That said, here are some reasons why some people might choose an Epiphone guitar:



Affordability: Epiphone guitars often provide good value for the price, making them a popular choice among beginners or players on a budget. They offer a range of models at various price points, allowing players to find an instrument that suits their needs without breaking the bank.



Heritage and Reputation: Epiphone has a long history that dates back to 1873 and has gained a solid reputation for producing quality instruments. Epiphone guitars are known for their craftsmanship and attention to detail, making them a reliable choice for many players.



Gibson Affiliation: Epiphone is owned by Gibson, a renowned guitar manufacturer. Epiphone guitars are designed to capture the essence of Gibson models at a more affordable price. This affiliation can be appealing to players who aspire to own a Gibson guitar but have a limited budget.



Versatility: Epiphone offers a diverse range of guitar models, catering to various genres and playing styles. Whether you're into rock, blues, jazz, or metal, you can find an Epiphone guitar that suits your preferred sound and aesthetic.



Artist Signature Models: Epiphone collaborates with renowned artists to produce signature models, which replicate the instruments used by those artists. This can be appealing to fans of specific musicians who want to emulate their sound and style.

Where craftsmanship, innovation, and accessibility harmonize to create a legacy that resonates with musicians worldwide.

Epiphone guitars have a legacy of rich history, craftsmanship, and innovation. With a partnership with Gibson, they offer affordable instruments capturing the essence of iconic models.

Epiphone's association with influential musicians, like John Lennon, has solidified their reputation, while their diverse lineup continues to meet the needs of musicians worldwide.

Their commitment to accessibility and quality has made Epiphone a respected brand with a lasting impact in the guitar industry.

Crafting melodies,
inspiring legacies.







A Rising Star in the Alternative Pop Scene

James Deacon, a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist hailing from South Africa, is quickly making a name for himself in the music industry.

With a unique blend of alternative pop, electronica, and indie rock, Deacon's music captivates listeners with powerful vocals, catchy melodies, and thought-provoking lyrics. His personal experiences often serve as inspiration for his songs, infused with a sense of hope and resilience.

Having released two Eps, the debut EP - The Calling - 2019 (Nominated for Alternative album of the year SAMA 2020) and the second EP - Renegade Fire" in 2022, Deacon has established himself as a critically acclaimed artist. Complex magazine hailed him as "one of the most exciting new artists to emerge from South Africa in recent years."

Alongside his recordings, Deacon has extensively toured South Africa, enchanting audiences with his captivating performances.

Looking towards the future, James Deacon is set to release his highly anticipated 5 track EP set to release later this year. He said "The songs come from a very personal place. I made sure to explore the depths of my experience to create tracks that will resonate with anyone who hears them.

Beyond his music, James Deacon boasts an impressive array of accomplishments and experiences. Born in Johannesburg in 1997, he discovered his passion for music at a young age, picking up a classical violin at age 4 and then taught himself how to play the guitar at 10. Throughout his career, he has shared the stage with renowned artists and opened for A-ha when they toured South Africa.

Notably, Deacon is a self-taught producer, showcasing his versatility as a musician. He also champions mental health awareness, using his platform to raise awareness and support for this important cause.



James Deacon's music has garnered significant attention on various platforms. His track "Future," featuring Parov Stelar, was selected for the worldwide BMW EV 2023 campaign, while "Overdrive" was featured in the GMC North American 4x4 2023 campaign.

Additionally, his music has received recognition in the form of nominations and features, including a South African Music Awards (SAMA) nomination for Alternative Album of the Year.

Deacon's music has resonated with audiences on the airwaves as well. His songs have been playlisted on prominent radio stations like 947, Jacaranda FM, 5FM, and World Famous Passport Approved. With chart-topping success and accolades, Deacon's talent has been widely recognized and celebrated.

When it comes to live performances, James Deacon has graced notable stages and events, including headlining the St Stithians Easter Festival, participating in the 947 Takeover at Alberton High, and performing at the 947 Huawei Joburg Day.

Supporting a-ha and headlining Park Acoustics and Plushy Fest are among his notable achievements. He also made a splash at the Splashy Fen Online Festival.

James Deacon is undoubtedly a rising star in the alternative pop scene. With his infectious music, introspective lyrics, and magnetic stage presence, he continues to forge his path in the industry. As his debut album approaches, fans eagerly anticipate the next chapter in Deacon's artistic journey, ready to be moved by his heartfelt and evocative compositions.



James Deacon - "Reason" (Official Music Video)



Gamma elettrica BMW. THE iX1, THE iX3, THE iX.

For more information
or to get hold of James





Blackstar AMPED3:

A High-Gain Pedal Amplifier for the Modern Guitarist

The Blackstar AMPED3 is a high-gain pedal amplifier that offers a wide range of tones and features. It is perfect for guitarists who are looking for a versatile and powerful amplifier that can take their sound to the next level.

The AMPED3 features three channels, each with two voicing options, for a total of six different sounds. The channels are Clean, Crunch, and Overdrive, and each one can be customized with the amp's 3-band EQ, Presence, and ISF controls.

The ISF control is a unique feature that allows you to shape the tonal character of the amp, giving you the ability to get a more American or British sound.

The AMPED3 also features a built-in reverb with two different settings, as well as a series effects loop. This allows you to connect your favorite pedals to the amp and create your own custom sound.

In addition to its powerful sound, the AMPED3 is also very portable. It is only 12 inches wide and 2.5 inches deep, making it easy to fit in a backpack or gig bag. The amp also has a built-in tuner, so you can always be sure that your guitar is in tune.

If you are looking for a high-gain pedal amplifier that offers a wide range of tones and features, then the Blackstar AMPED3 is a great option. It is perfect for guitarists who are looking for a versatile and powerful amp that can take their sound to the next level.

Overall, the Blackstar AMPED3 is a great choice for guitarists who are looking for a high-gain pedal amplifier with a wide range of tones and features. It is portable, affordable, and easy to use.

If you are looking for a great amp to take your guitar playing to the next level, then the Blackstar AMPED3 is a great option to consider.

Unleash Your Creative Potential:

Exploring the Unique Features of the Nord 4 88 Synthesizer

The Nord 4 88 synthesizer offers a range of unique features that enhance its versatility and allow musicians to explore creative possibilities.

One standout feature is the Impulse buttons, which provide instant sound alteration, making it ideal for generating spontaneous, synchronized rhythmic and tonal variations. With the Impulse buttons, you can effortlessly double the LFO rate, switch between oscillator types, enable Glide, adjust resonance, and mute the Reverb, all simultaneously, for a brief 2-second interval during a lead solo.

This feature empowers musicians to add dynamic and expressive elements to their performances with ease.

Creating wobbly bass lines and intricate, choppy pads in perfect synchronization is made effortless by the Nord 4 88.

The Impulse Morphs feature introduces a simple yet versatile concept that offers almost limitless flexibility. Assigning an Impulse Morph is straightforward—simply hold down an Impulse Morph button and adjust the desired knob(s) to the new desired value. LED lights indicate which parameters have been modified, providing visual feedback.

Each slot allows for up to 7 unique combinations of Impulse Morphs, allowing for a wide range of sonic experimentation and customization.



Another notable feature of the Nord 4 88 is the Morph functionality, a classic Nord feature found in previous models. The Morph allows you to control various parameters that are adjustable via knobs using the modulation wheel, control pedal, or velocity.

This capability opens up endless possibilities for sound modulation and manipulation. For example, you can change the arpeggiator range or adjust the sample rate reduction Crush effect by simply using the modulation wheel. The Morph feature adds an extra layer of expressiveness and real-time control to your performances.

The Nord 4 88 synthesizer combines the power of the Impulse buttons and the versatility of the Impulse Morphs and Morph functionality to provide musicians with a comprehensive toolset for sound manipulation and performance.

Whether you're looking to create spontaneous rhythmic variations, customize your sound in real-time, or add dynamic modulation to your performances, the Nord 4 88 offers a wealth of unique features that cater to your musical creativity.







launch AT2020USB-X mic

with added USB C and 24-bit/96Khz features

Audio-Technica announced the release of its AT2020USB-X cardioid condenser USB microphone this week.

A reimagining of the popular AT2020USB+, the AT2020USB-X microphone is specially designed to meet the needs of musicians, streamers, podcasters and other content creators, offering the critically acclaimed and award-winning sound of the original AT2020 upgraded to 24-bit/96 kHz sampling rate with the convenience of plug-and-play USB-C operation.

Improvements to the AT2020USB-X include a soft-touch capacitive mute button on the body to quickly and silently mute audio at the microphone, high-resolution A/D converter with 24-bit/96 kHz sampling rate for extremely clear and natural sound production, two-state LED indicator ring lights for when the microphone is powered on or muted, and an improved custom desk stand for a stable and secure base.

The AT2020USB-X also features a built-in headphone jack with volume and mix control to let you directly monitor with no delay, as well as blend your microphone signal with computer audio.

Equipped with a USB-C output and a cable with USB-C and USB-A options, this expands the microphones compatibility and makes it easier to use, now and in the future. The AT2020USB-X has a high-output internal headphone amplifier that delivers superior clarity, volume, and musical detail.

Advanced Performance for Creators

A headphone jack with volume control allows you to monitor audio directly from the microphone, while the mix control allows you to blend your microphone signal with computer audio.

Pioneer Dj

Pioneering Innovation, exploring the Iconic Products of Pioneer DJ



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Pioneer DJ has become synonymous with innovation, reliability, and exceptional performance in the world of DJ equipment.

Through their iconic products such as the CDJ series, DJM mixers, Rekordbox software, XDJ systems, and DDJ controllers, Pioneer DJ has shaped the DJ industry, offering professional-grade tools to DJs worldwide.

Their commitment to pushing the boundaries of technology and providing DJs with cutting-edge solutions has solidified Pioneer DJ's position as a pioneer in the industry. As the DJ landscape continues to evolve, we can expect Pioneer DJ to remain at the forefront, driving innovation and inspiring the next generation of DJs.



With a rich history spanning several decades, Pioneer DJ has consistently pushed the boundaries of innovation, providing DJs with cutting-edge tools that have become iconic globally.

In this article, we will delve into the history of Pioneer DJ and explore some of their most notable products that have shaped the DJ industry

CDJ SERIES:

Revolutionizing Digital DJing



One of the most significant contributions by Pioneer DJ is the CDJ series. Pioneer DJ revolutionized the DJ industry by introducing the first professional CD-based DJ players, which quickly gained popularity among DJs worldwide. The CDJ series offered reliable performance, seamless integration of digital music, and a familiar interface that mirrored the traditional vinyl turntable setup.

From the CDJ-500 to the modern CDJ-3000, Pioneer DJ has continuously refined and improved its CDJ lineup, setting the standard for digital DJing.

DJM MIXERS:

Unleashing Creative Possibilities



Pioneer DJ's DJM series mixers have become an essential component of DJ setups globally. These mixers offer exceptional sound quality, robust construction, and a comprehensive range of features. The DJM mixers introduced groundbreaking features such as built-in effects, sampler functionality, and precise EQ controls, empowering DJs to craft unique and seamless mixes.

The DJM-V10 the recent DJM-A9 are prime examples of Pioneer DJ's commitment to innovation and their dedication to providing DJs with powerful tools for creative expression.

XDJ Series:

Expanding Accessibility



Pioneer DJ's XDJ series catered to a wider audience by offering more affordable options without compromising on quality. These standalone DJ systems provided DJs with the flexibility of USB playback, touchscreen displays, and intuitive controls, bridging the gap between traditional CDJs and computer-based setups.

The XDJ-RR and XDJ-XZ are notable examples of the XDJ series, providing DJs with professional-grade performance at a more accessible price point.

DDJ Controllers:

Empowering Next-Generation DJs



Acknowledging the growing demand for controller-based setups, Pioneer DJ introduced the DDJ series of DJ controllers. These compact yet powerful devices offer DJs a portable and feature-rich solution for performance and studio work. The DDJ controllers seamlessly integrate with popular DJ software, providing a tactile and intuitive experience. With models like the DDJ-FLX10 and DDJ-REV7, Pioneer DJ has empowered a new generation of DJs to unleash their creativity and take their skills to new heights.

**Rekordbox:**

A Complete DJ Solution

Recognizing the importance of software in the digital DJing era, Pioneer DJ developed Rekordbox, a comprehensive DJ software solution. Rekordbox provides DJs with advanced track management, playlist creation, and seamless integration with Pioneer DJ hardware. DJs can analyze and prepare their tracks, set cue points, and even perform live remixing using Rekordbox. The software has become a go-to choice for many professional DJs, solidifying Pioneer DJ's position as a holistic provider of DJ tools.

HDJ-X10

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD

Experience music like never before with the HDJ-X10 flagship over-ear headphones. Crafted with valuable insights from professional DJs, these headphones are designed to meet the demands of festivals, clubs, and various performance environments.

Offering high-resolution sound and exceptional durability, the HDJ-X10 headphones will redefine your music experience and become an essential tool in your DJ arsenal.

Unparalleled Sound Quality:

Equipped with a state-of-the-art 50mm driver, the HDJ-X10 headphones produce high-resolution sound across an impressive frequency range of 5 Hz to 40 kHz. This allows for accurate reproduction of the entire audio spectrum, delivering clear left and right channel separation, and emphasizing rich bass tones as well as crisp mid to high frequencies.

With these headphones, DJ monitoring reaches new levels of precision and fidelity.

Comfortable and Versatile Design:

Designed with comfort in mind, the HDJ-X10 headphones feature a flexible swivel mechanism that enables you to wear them comfortably, regardless of your preferred orientation.

The polyurethane leather ear pads and headband cushion, treated with a nano coating, offer resistance to deterioration and are easily cleaned, allowing you to maintain a fresh and hygienic listening experience. You can wear them for extended periods without discomfort or compromise.

Built to Withstand the Demands:

Transportation and heavy use are no match for the HDJ-X10 headphones. Their rugged construction ensures they can handle bumps, knocks, and even the most demanding touring conditions. In fact, these headphones have successfully cleared the US Military Standard Shock test*, guaranteeing their resilience in the face of rigorous usage.

With the HDJ-X10, you can focus on your music, knowing that your headphones are built to withstand the challenges of the road.

Elevate Your Music
Experience with the
HDJ-X10 FLAGSHIP
Over-Ear Headphones



LUCAS 2K15

THE HEARTBEAT OF THE MOBILE DJ

In the pursuit of delivering the ultimate full-range stereo sound experience, positioning the LUCAS 2K15 subwoofer centrally between the two satellites is key. This strategic placement optimally couples the subwoofer and satellites in the crossover frequency range, resulting in maximum sound energy and an even distribution throughout the venue.

The intelligently designed LUCAS 2K15 system features two satellites that are skillfully aimed towards the dance floor with a slight inward tilt. This configuration, coupled with the wide 90° horizontal dispersion, ensures excellent sound coverage directly in front of the DJ booth. The result? Impeccable audio quality without any phase cancellation or disruptive reflections from walls and ceilings.

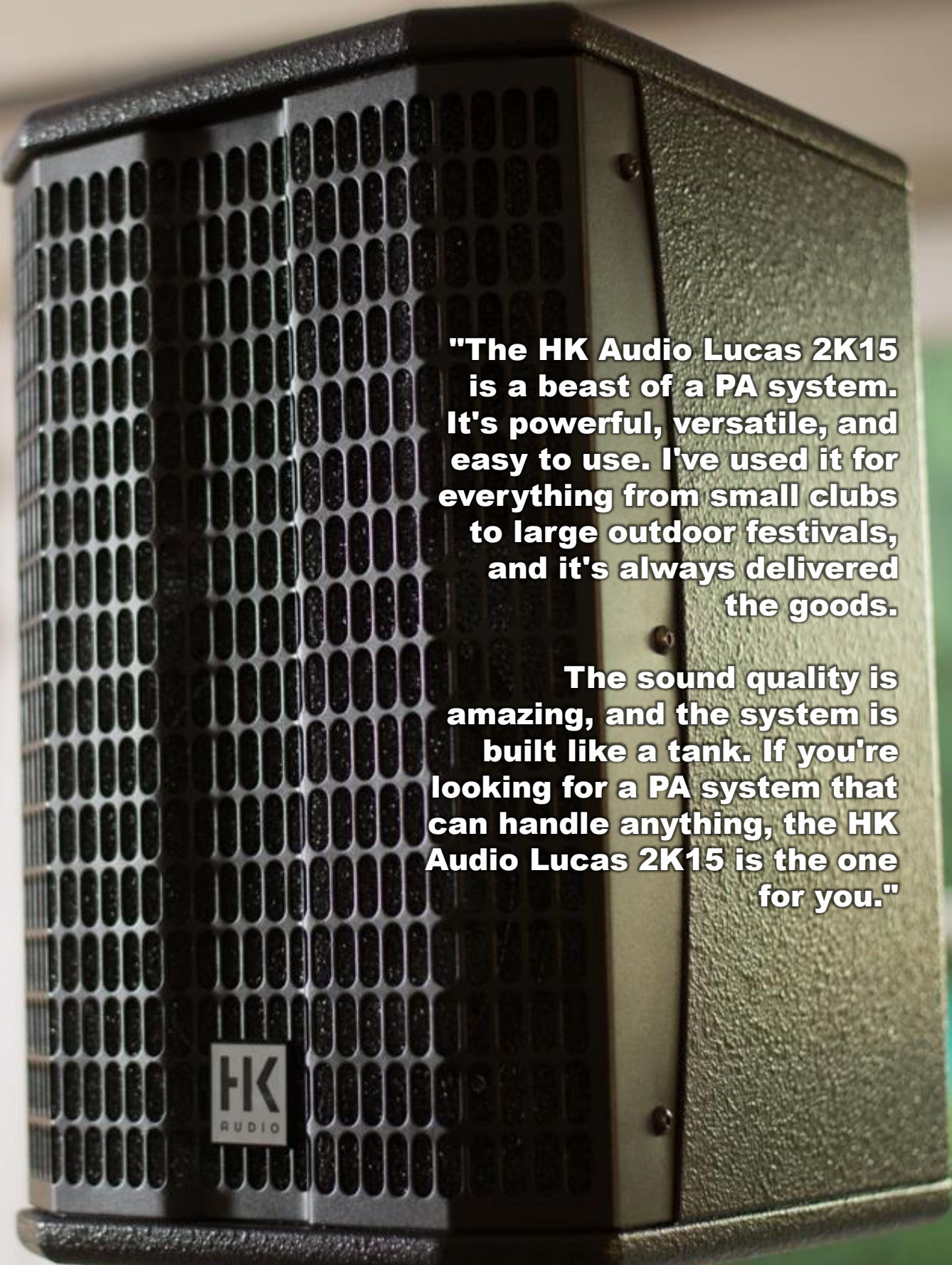
Compact yet powerful, the LUCAS 2K15 is an active stereo PA system that packs a punch with its 2,000-watt power amplifier, comprising a 15" system subwoofer and 8"/1" satellites. Its portability is unrivaled, easily transportable and set up by a single person, effortlessly adapting to various event spaces.

From captivating speeches at special events to fueling the energetic atmosphere of a DJ set or live band performance, the LUCAS 2K15 shines in every scenario. Its versatility ensures crystal-clear, full stereo sound across the entire frequency spectrum, regardless of volume levels.

Experience the LUCAS 2K15, an audio powerhouse that guarantees exceptional sonic delivery for a wide range of applications. With its seamless blend of convenience, performance, and remarkable sound quality, it's the go-to choice for anyone seeking to elevate their sound experience to new heights.

**Get ready to
immerse
yourself in
audio
excellence
like never
before.**





"The HK Audio Lucas 2K15 is a beast of a PA system. It's powerful, versatile, and easy to use. I've used it for everything from small clubs to large outdoor festivals, and it's always delivered the goods."

The sound quality is amazing, and the system is built like a tank. If you're looking for a PA system that can handle anything, the HK Audio Lucas 2K15 is the one for you."





Are you tired of tangled wires and limited sound quality?

Look no further than the ATH-TWX9 truly wireless earbuds. These innovative headphones offer a level of freedom and customization that takes your audio experience to new heights. Packed with cutting-edge features, including digital hybrid noise-canceling technology and deep-UV sterilization, the ATH-TWX9 stands out as the ultimate choice for true wireless headphones.



Immerse Yourself in Sound

The ATH-TWX9 earbuds create an immersive audio experience that transports you to a new dimension. With 360 Reality Audio, you'll feel like you're in the center of a live concert or movie theater, surrounded by a realistic 3D sound stage.

Say goodbye to distractions with the digital hybrid noise-canceling technology, which allows you to choose from five preset noise-canceling modes or optimize noise cancellation for your current environment by simply pressing the touch sensor on the left earbud.

Designed for an Active Lifestyle

Whether you're hitting the gym or commuting to work, the ATH-TWX9 is designed to keep up with your active lifestyle. These headphones are splashproof (IPX4®-equivalent), making them resistant to rain, water, and sweat. Worried about finding the perfect fit?

The ATH-TWX9 comes with twelve different fitting eartip designs, including four diameter sizes and three stem lengths, ensuring a secure and comfortable fit. No matter how intense your workout or commute, these non-slip, compact, and ergonomic headphones will stay in place.

Extended Playtime and Enhanced Sound

Enjoy up to 6 hours of continuous playback with the ATH-TWX9, and extend it to 12.5 hours with the charger, giving you a total of 18.5 hours of use. The newly designed 5.8 mm high-resolution drivers deliver an extended high-frequency range and improved sound detail, ensuring an immersive and crystal-clear audio experience. Qualcomm® cVc™ Generation 8.0 technology guarantees top-notch call quality, while the Low Latency mode minimizes sound delay when playing games or watching videos.

Seamless Connectivity and Customization

The ATH-TWX9 is compatible with Google Fast Pair, Sony's 360 Reality Audio, multipoint pairing, and the A-T Connect app, offering a seamless and customizable experience across devices. Connect with ease, personalize your sound, and enjoy the benefits of advanced technology all in one package.

Whether you're working out or commuting, the ATH-TWX9 offers optimal performance, durability, and comfort. Elevate your audio experience and unleash the full potential of your music, videos, and calls with the ATH-TWX9 truly wireless earbuds.

SOLOMON JOHN

INTERVIEW WITH SOLOMON JOHN:

Embracing Musical Evolution and Finding "Home"

We had the pleasure of speaking with John Solomon, an accomplished DJ and singer, about his latest track "Home" and his musical journey. Here's what he had to say:

Congratulations on the release of your latest track, "Home"! Can you tell us a bit about the inspiration behind the song and what it means to you personally?

Hi! Thank you so much! "Home" was the track I've always wanted to make. It combines a soulful melody with a classic drop that hooks you in and demands repeated listening. The lyrics actually came to me during the lockdown when I had Covid and was uncertain about my health. Being alone in Jozi at the time made me reflect on the true meaning of home and how everything looks different when you're unsure if you'll wake up tomorrow.

You recently completed your professional DJ course at the DJ and Music Production Institute. How has this training influenced your approach to music production, and how did it contribute to the creation of your DJ/Artist brand?

Yes! It was a tremendous learning experience for me. As a songwriter, my focus had always been on conveying feelings rather than seamlessly blending music or considering its context.

The course allowed me to take a step back and view music production as the art of stitching together a musical tapestry. To use an analogy, it shifted my perspective from looking at a single word on a page to envisioning what the entire page could look like.

In radio, time constraints dictate shorter tracks, but as a DJ, I have the space to take smaller, more meaningful steps that create tension and mood. This motivation has pushed me to explore my creative side further, unrestricted by time limitations.

"Home" has been described as an ultra-smooth indie track. How would you define your musical style, and how do you feel this track represents your artistic evolution?

I don't think I have a specific style that I confine myself to.

I believe I have music for every mood, leading me to create a variety of tracks that range from super happy to really chill and sometimes deeply introspective.

As a singer and DJ, how do you balance these two roles in your music career? Do you find that one influences the other, and if so, how?

First and foremost, I just love music. I write down the ideas that come to my head, and I'm fortunate to have an audience that enjoys what I create. As a DJ, there is a greater opportunity to be part of something bigger. It's a community and a platform for continuous learning. I've gathered more ideas for creating breaks and building peaks at the DJ desk than I have while playing the guitar recently. So, being a student of both roles definitely helps.

The DJ and Music Production Institute at Proaudio has a strong reputation in the industry. How has your experience there shaped your understanding of music production and contributed to your growth as an artist?

I chose the school based on its reputation, and it didn't disappoint. As someone already familiar with music theory and chord structures, the institute provided a solid launchpad to advance my existing knowledge.

I appreciate that the courses cater to all levels of experience, which further highlighted how much more I have to learn and grow.

What challenges did you face during the production of "Home," and how did you overcome them? Were there any memorable moments or interesting anecdotes from the recording process?

The main challenge for me was to avoid writing corny lyrics. I always want people to say, "This is exactly what I wanted to say." Hopefully, I can continue achieving that. The funniest thing about



"Home" is my homage to the electronic genre, which has always captivated me.



Turntable Designed for DJs

Spin professional tracks with Audio-Technica DJ record players, designed for professional sets & home use



The AT-LP140XP fully manual professional DJ turntable features a high-torque direct-drive motor and anti-resonant, mass-damped, die-cast aluminum platter to ensure stable, on-axis rotation at 33-1/3, 45, and 78 RPM.

It is equipped with an S-shaped tonearm with height adjustment, adjustable tracking force (counterweight) and adjustable dynamic anti-skate control.

Audio-Technica has been a leader in phono cartridge design for more than 50 years, and that expertise shows in the durable, high-output AT-XP3 DJ cartridge with 0.6 mil conical bonded stylus included with the turntable. It comes pre-mounted to an AT-HS6 universal 1/2"-mount headshell.

Designed to connect to components with a dedicated phono input, the turntable comes with a detachable dual RCA output cable and supplies a strong 5.5 mV output.

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A timeless, magnetic core cartridge.

Are you ready to embark on an auditory journey like no other?

Audio-Technica proudly presents the AT-ART20, a revolutionary cartridge designed to elevate your listening experience to new heights. Building on the success of its predecessors, this exceptional addition to the ART Series combines cutting-edge technology, meticulous craftsmanship, and a passion for sonic excellence.

With the AT-ART20, Audio-Technica set out to achieve two ambitious goals: deliver unrivaled analog performance and capture the vibrant expressiveness of non-magnetic core cartridges. Drawing on their extensive cartridge expertise and utilizing premium materials, the result is a magnetic core moving coil cartridge that sets a new standard in sound reproduction.

The AT-ART20's sonic prowess is immediately apparent. Its expansive and detailed high-frequency range reveals nuances often missed by other cartridges, while the low-frequency response is delivered with crystal-clear clarity and impactful force. Prepare to be enthralled as vocals come alive, preserving the full range of the human voice even at lower volumes.

The AT-ART20 unlocks the full character of your favorite recordings, immersing you in a world of extended sound depth and captivating spatial expression that faithfully reproduces the original performance environment.

Let's explore some of the remarkable features that set the AT-ART20 apart:

Unprecedented, Emotional Sound Quality:

The AT-ART20 achieves unparalleled resolution, seamlessly capturing the nuances and dynamic qualities of every note. It effortlessly conveys musical expression, ensuring smooth sound connections and a realistic sound field that transcends genre boundaries.

High-Quality Sound Terminal Pins:

With thick gold plating, the AT-ART20's terminal pins minimize contact resistance, enhancing sound quality and ensuring a pristine signal transmission.

Resonance Suppression:

Through a combination of aluminum, titanium, and elastomer materials, the AT-ART20 effectively suppresses resonance, allowing the true essence of your music to shine through without unwanted artifacts.

A Design That Speaks of Life and Dynamism:

Embodying Fukui Prefecture's renowned cartridge technology, the AT-ART20 boasts a precision-machined titanium polished finish. This organic design, made possible by advanced cutting and polishing techniques, reduces weight while maintaining structural integrity, resulting in a serene and sonically pleasing experience.

Magnetic Core MC with Superb Sound:

Crafted in Japan, the AT-ART20 incorporates a newly designed magnetic circuit that optimizes power generation efficiency and enhances overall sound quality. This magnetic core cartridge is a testament to Audio-Technica's commitment to delivering exceptional audio reproduction.

Lighter and More Supple with a New Vibration System:

The AT-ART20 features an improved vibration system, resulting in improved high-frequency characteristics and a strengthened cantilever. A titanium tip reinforcement plate reduces stylus tip weight, ensuring exceptional tracking and fidelity.

Immerse yourself in the astonishing detail, dynamics, and expressive power of the AT-ART20. Audio-Technica's latest masterpiece is a testament to their unwavering dedication to audio excellence, bringing you closer than ever to the soul of your music.

Step into a new realm of sonic bliss and experience a world of sound like never before.





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The VINYL-ONLY DJ Making Waves in South Africa and Beyond

Abbynurock, a vinyl-only DJ based in Johannesburg, South Africa, has been captivating audiences for over 20 years with her eclectic mix of genres, including funk, disco, house, indie dance and techno. Renowned for her passion, skill, and commitment to supporting local music, Nurock has established herself as a respected figure in the South African DJ scene and an inspiration to other female DJs.

Nurock's love affair with DJing began in 2002 when she acquired her beloved Technics SL/1210 turntables, which have remained her faithful companions ever since.

As one of the few vinyl DJs, Abby has cultivated a devoted following and gained recognition for her various club and radio residencies, as well as multiple festival performances across the continent. Notable festivals where she has graced the stage include Lighthouse Festival, Ultra Resistance, Bushfire, Spitzkoppe, Sexy Groovy Love, Pangea, Wolfkop, Bazique, and Alcazar. She has also shared the spotlight with esteemed local and international artists, solidifying her reputation in the industry.

What sets Abby Nurock apart is her unfiltered and genuine approach to DJing, making her a unique artist in the industry. She firmly believes in the power of vinyl and sees it as the best way to DJ.

Vinyl provides her with a more tactile and physical connection to the music, allowing her to create a truly distinct and personal DJ set.

Through her sets, she effortlessly blends different genres, giving her performances an unpredictable and exciting atmosphere.

Moreover, Nurock is deeply passionate about music and strives to share her love with others. Her sets are a testament to her dedication and ability to curate exceptional music experiences. Alongside her DJing, she has also ventured into music production and most recently co-founded "SAMP records" (South African Music Press) with fellow vinyl aficionado, Bret Dugmore (Mr Vinyl). They offer distribution and small-batch vinyl pressing services with the aim to support, boost and promote South African music on a global scale.

Abby Nurock's influence extends beyond her performances. In 2022, she headlined the long-awaited return of MixMag's Lab Sessions, further solidifying her reputation in the industry. In 2023, she is set to make her European debut at the Secret Garden Party in the UK and Zurich's Street Parade. Her commitment to breaking down barriers and empowering women in the industry serves as an inspiration to aspiring female DJs, encouraging them to pursue their passion and make their mark.

Under the hashtag #StrictlyVinyl, Abby Nurock has carved out a distinct brand and reputation, fueled by her unwavering passion for discovering exceptional music. Her signature sound transcends genres, captivating audiences and leaving an indelible impression wherever she performs.



Through her talent, dedication, and genuine love for music, Abby Nurock continues to make a significant contribution to the South African music scene, proving that barriers can be overcome and dreams can be achieved.



Notable festivals where Abby has graced the stage include:

- Alcazar,
- Bazique,
- Bushfire Festival,
- Corona Festival,
- Defected,
- Lighthouse Festival,
- Ultra Resistance,
- Spitzkoppe,
- Sexy Groovy Love,
- Tshwanefontein,
- Pangea and
- Wolfkop among others.



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Abby Nurock: strictly vinyl set in The Lab Johannesburg

For more information or to get hold of Abby





A Timeless Icon of VINYL ARTISTRY

In the digital age of music production and playback, where streaming services and MP3 files dominate, the Pioneer DJ PLX-1000 turntable stands as a testament to the enduring allure and unparalleled artistry of vinyl.

Revered by DJs, vinyl enthusiasts, and audiophiles alike, the PLX-1000 showcases Pioneer DJ's commitment to delivering an exceptional analog experience.

In this article, we will delve into the key features and qualities that make the PLX-1000 turntable a timeless icon in the world of vinyl.

Craftsmanship and Design:

The PLX-1000 turntable exudes an aura of timeless craftsmanship and attention to detail. Built with a high-torque direct-drive system, the turntable offers precise and stable rotation, ensuring accurate playback of vinyl records. The heavy-mass, die-cast zinc chassis and rubber-insulated legs effectively minimize vibration, preserving the integrity of the audio signal and reducing unwanted resonance. The sleek, no-nonsense design pays homage to classic turntables while incorporating modern refinements, making it a visually striking addition to any DJ booth or listening environment.

Impeccable Sound Reproduction:

At the heart of the PLX-1000 lies a state-of-the-art audio engine designed to deliver impeccable sound reproduction. With a high-quality analog signal path, the turntable faithfully captures the intricate nuances of vinyl recordings, producing warm, rich tones that digital formats often struggle to replicate. The S-shaped tonearm with a universal headshell allows for easy cartridge replacement and precise tracking, ensuring minimal distortion and optimal playback performance. DJs and audiophiles can revel in the pure, dynamic sound that only vinyl records can provide, immersing themselves in a truly authentic audio experience.

Unparalleled Control and Flexibility:

The PLX-1000 turntable offers DJs unparalleled control and flexibility, empowering them to showcase their mixing skills and creativity. The turntable features adjustable tempo control with a range of $\pm 8\%$, $\pm 16\%$, and $\pm 50\%$, allowing DJs to seamlessly match the tempo of different tracks for seamless transitions. The dedicated start/stop button and tempo reset function enable precise cueing and synchronization, while the dual start/stop buttons on the top and front of the turntable provide convenient access regardless of the setup configuration. With the inclusion of a detachable power and audio cable, the PLX-1000 offers DJs the freedom to customize their setups to suit their preferences and requirements.

Durability and Reliability:

Pioneer DJ has a longstanding reputation for producing reliable and durable equipment, and the PLX-1000 turntable is no exception. Built to withstand the rigors of professional use, the turntable features a rugged build quality and robust components, ensuring longevity and consistent performance even in demanding environments. DJs can confidently rely on the PLX-1000 to deliver exceptional performance night after night, knowing that it can withstand the challenges of live performances and extensive use.

Pioneer DJ



SAMP Records is a record label services and music distribution company, launched in Johannesburg, South Africa, by Bret Dugmore (Mr Vinyl) and Abby Nurock (DJ) in 2023. SAMP's mission is to significantly improve the distribution and availability of vinyl records in South Africa,

and to export South African music on vinyl through key partnerships and through international distribution agreements. We believe that the renewed interest in vinyl over the last decade offers a unique opportunity to empower South African artists, and to bring the 'spirit' back into music with collecting and record store culture.

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How can you help my record store?

SAMP has distribution agreements in place with a number of international record labels, including Sub Pop, Secretly Canadian, Prime Direct, Vinyl Protector and Digger's Factory. SAMP is able to offer wholesale prices to record stores and to supply a large number of vinyl titles, which are warehoused in Johannesburg and ready to dispatch to your store. Contact us for a full stocklist.



Can you help me press my music to vinyl?

We have partnered with a key European pressing plant to be able to press vinyl records timeously (3 - 4 month turnaround) at a competitive price point. We are able to oversee the entire project for you - from mastering for vinyl to artwork printing, we are able to assist with, and oversee it all.



What about distribution?

SAMP has a comprehensive South African distribution network in place, and supplies most South African record stores, including Mr Vinyl, Vinyl Junkie, Roastin' Records, Record Mad, Kandi Records and others. International distribution is offered on a case-by-case basis, depending on demand and suitability.





Ashdown Meters OV-1 Headphones: A Review

The Ashdown Meters OV-1 headphones are a stylish and versatile pair of headphones that offer excellent sound quality, active noise cancellation, and a host of other features.

The OV-1 headphones feature 40mm dynamic drivers that deliver crisp highs, deep bass, and a well-balanced soundstage. The headphones also have active noise cancellation, which does a good job of blocking out ambient noise.

In addition to the sound quality and noise cancellation, the OV-1 headphones also offer a number of other features, including:

- A built-in VU meter that shows how loud your music is playing
- A 5-band parametric EQ that allows you to customize the sound to your liking
- A tap-to-control system that lets you control playback, answer calls, and activate noise cancellation with a simple tap on the earcup
- A long battery life of up to 16 hours with ANC on

The OV-1 headphones are comfortable to wear for long periods of time, thanks to their padded headband and earcups. They are also lightweight and portable, making them a great choice for travel.

Ashdown Meters OV-1 headphones are a great choice for anyone looking for a stylish, comfortable, and feature-rich pair of headphones. They offer excellent sound quality, active noise cancellation, and a host of other features that make them a great choice for everyday use.

The Apex of Premium Audio Engineering



RCF ART945:

Unleashing Power and Performance in Amplification

RCF, a leading name in professional audio solutions, continues to push the boundaries of technology with its groundbreaking products. Among their impressive lineup, the RCF ART945 stands out as a testament to innovation and power.

Renowned as the most powerful amplifier in its class, the ART945 combines RCF's advancements in transducer design with a highly efficient amplifier that delivers exceptional performance. In this essay, we will explore the key features and benefits of the RCF ART945, showcasing why it is a game-changer in the world of amplification.

Unleashing Power with Advanced Transducer Design:

RCF's relentless pursuit of excellence in transducer design has resulted in stronger and more powerful speakers. The ART945 amplifier follows this evolution by delivering an unprecedented level of power to complement the improved transducers. Boasting 2,100 Watts of power, the 2-channel ART945 Class-D amplifier provides a significant 50% increase in power compared to its predecessors.



This amplification capability enables the system to effortlessly handle extremely high sound pressure levels, making it ideal for large venues, concerts, and other demanding applications.

Ultra-Fast Attack and Realistic Transient Response:

The RCF ART945 amplifier excels in delivering an ultra-fast attack and a realistic transient response. This means that the amplifier responds instantaneously to audio signals, accurately reproducing the dynamic nuances of the sound source.

Musicians and audio professionals can enjoy a faithful representation of their music, ensuring every note and impact is delivered with precision and clarity. The ART945's ability to capture the true essence of the music enhances the overall listening experience, creating an immersive and captivating sound environment.

Efficient and Heat-Loss Minimization:

Efficiency and heat management are crucial aspects of any amplifier design. The ART945 sets new benchmarks in energy efficiency, eliminating the need for a cooling fan. Instead, the amplifier is connected to a solid aluminum heat exchanger at the rear of the unit, which efficiently dissipates heat without the use of moving parts.

This innovative heat management system ensures that the amplifier remains cool even during extended use, preventing thermal issues and maintaining optimal performance. The absence of a cooling fan also contributes to silent operation, ideal for applications that demand low noise levels.

Solid Construction and Secure Integration:

The physical integration of the ART945 amplifier within the cabinet exemplifies RCF's commitment to quality and durability.



The amplifier is firmly connected to the internal frame, providing a solid and secure foundation. This construction approach ensures that vibrations and movements do not affect the amplifier's performance, resulting in a stable and reliable audio reproduction.

The secure integration of the amplifier also enhances the overall lifespan of the system, allowing it to withstand the rigors of professional use.

Advanced Input Circuit and Safety Limiter:

The ART945 features an advanced low distortion input circuit design, which preserves the true character of the input signal at all levels. This ensures that the amplifier faithfully reproduces the original audio content without introducing unwanted artifacts or distortion.

Additionally, an advanced safety limiter protects the system from overloading, maintaining optimal performance while ensuring the longevity of both the amplifier and connected speakers. These safety measures give users peace of mind, knowing that their audio system is protected and capable of delivering consistent quality.

The RCF ART945 stands as a testament to RCF's commitment to innovation, power, and performance. With its advanced transducer design, the ART945 amplifier brings an unrivaled level of power to the table, capable of handling extreme sound pressure levels.

The ultra-fast attack, realistic transient response, and heat-loss minimization ensure optimal audio performance even in the most demanding environments.

The solid construction, secure integration, and advanced safety features make the ART945 a reliable choice for professional applications.

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The PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2 is a powerhouse, delivering an astounding total output of 1,600 watts (Peak Power). With a frequency response of 30 Hz to 20 kHz and a sound-level pressure of 132 dB (peak), this Active Sub/Satellite PA system is a dream come true for musicians, DJs, conference organizers, Houses of Worship, and solo entertainers.

The subwoofer is equipped with a 15" woofer and three individual amplifier modules, providing dedicated power to the subwoofer and two passive 8" satellite speakers.

Enjoy precise control over your sound with adjustable master output and master reverb output levels. The PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2 features four preset modes (Music, Live, DJ, and Speech) to optimize your sound experience.

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With two line inputs (XLR/6.3mm Jack Combo) and two link outputs (XLR), the PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2 ensures seamless integration into your setup. A dedicated sub level control allows you to fine-tune your bass response.

Transportation Made Simple

Designed with convenience in mind, the PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2 is easy to transport. The system consists of a subwoofer and two mid/high passive speakers, with a combined weight of just 46.3 kg.

Bluetooth Streaming & Pairing

Stream your favorite music effortlessly from your smartphone, computer, or tablet with the built-in Bluetooth feature. Setting up your wireless streaming has never been easier, allowing you to enjoy all your favorite tracks with the PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2.

Key Features of the PowerWorks MERCURY P15.2:

- 800 Watt Active 2.1 PA System with Mixer, DSP, and Bluetooth
- Aesthetically pleasing PA system suitable for musicians, DJs, conference audio systems, Houses of Worship, and home audio
- Powerful sound with 800-watt RMS and a peak SPL of 132 dB (40 Hz to 20 kHz)
- Quick and easy assembly for hassle-free setup
- Even sound distribution with a dispersion angle of 90° horizontal x 20° vertical
- Immersive bass with a robust 15" subwoofer
- Crystal-clear mid/high frequencies delivered by two passive



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If you are looking for a professional-grade amp with a wide range of tones and features, then the **Blackstar Series One** is a great option to consider.

The Blackstar Series One is a line of professional guitar amplifiers that offer a wide range of tones and features. They are perfect for guitarists who are looking for a versatile and powerful amp that can take their sound to the next level.

The Series One amps are built with high-quality components and they are designed to withstand the rigors of touring. They feature a 2-channel design with 4 footswitchable modes, as well as a built-in ISF control that allows you to shape the tonal character of the amp.

The Series One amps also feature a series effects loop, a speaker-emulated output, and MIDI connectivity. This makes them a great choice for guitarists who want to use the amp in a variety of settings, from the studio to the stage.

Overall, the Blackstar Series One is a great choice for guitarists who are looking for a professional-grade amp with a wide range of tones and features. It is perfect for guitarists who want an amp that can take their sound to the next level.

Here are some of the notable features of the Blackstar Series One:

2-channel design with 4 footswitchable modes: The Series One amps feature a 2-channel design with 4 footswitchable modes. This gives you a total of 8 different sounds to choose from, perfect for a variety of musical genres.

Built-in ISF control: The ISF control is a unique feature that allows you to shape the tonal character of the amp. You can use the ISF control to get a more American or British sound, or to create your own unique sound.

Series effects loop: The series effects loop allows you to connect your favorite pedals to the amp and create your own custom sound.

Speaker-emulated output: The speaker-emulated output allows you to connect the amp to a PA system or recording interface and get a great sound without having to use a speaker cabinet.

MIDI connectivity: The MIDI connectivity allows you to control the amp with a MIDI controller or DAW.



TMA 2 Studio XE Headphones



The Perfect Studio Companion

The AIAIAI TMA 2 Studio XE headphones are the perfect studio companion for music producers, engineers, and musicians. They offer a wide range of features and customization options, making them a versatile and adaptable solution for any studio environment.

The TMA 2 Studio XE headphones feature a modular design, which allows you to mix and match different components to create the perfect sound for your needs. You can choose from different headbands, earcups, and drivers to create a headphone that is tailored to your individual preferences.

The headphones also feature a high-quality bio-cellulose driver that delivers clear and detailed sound. The driver is tuned for accuracy and neutrality, making it ideal for mixing and mastering. The headphones also have a closed-back design that provides excellent isolation, blocking out ambient noise so you can focus on your work.

In addition to their excellent sound quality, the TMA 2 Studio XE headphones are also very comfortable to wear. The earcups are made from soft vegan leather, and the headband is adjustable to ensure a snug and secure fit. The headphones also fold up for easy transport, making them a great option for traveling musicians.

If you are looking for a high-quality, versatile, and comfortable pair of studio headphones, then the AIAIAI TMA 2 Studio XE headphones are a great option.

They offer a wide range of features and customization options, making them the perfect choice for any studio environment.

Here are some of the key features of the AIAIAI TMA 2 Studio XE headphones:

- **Modular design**
- **High-quality bio-cellulose driver**
- **Closed-back design**
- **Excellent comfort**
- **Foldable for easy transport**

If you are looking for a versatile and comfortable pair of studio headphones, the AIAIAI TMA 2 Studio XE headphones are a great option to consider.

This version is shorter and more concise, while still providing all of the important information about the headphones. It is also more likely to be read by people who are short on time or who are not interested in reading a long article.



SONANCE WALL-MOUNTED SPEAKERS: Exceptional Sound in a Sleek Design

Sonance, a renowned leader in high-performance audio solutions, offers a range of wall-mounted speakers that combine exceptional sound quality with elegant aesthetics. Designed to seamlessly integrate into any living space, Sonance wall-mounted speakers deliver immersive audio experiences while blending harmoniously with the surrounding decor.

In this article, we delve into the features and benefits of Sonance wall-mounted speakers, highlighting why they are a popular choice for discerning audio enthusiasts.

Sleek and Discreet Design:

One of the key advantages of Sonance wall-mounted speakers is their sleek and discreet design.

These speakers are crafted to be visually unobtrusive, allowing them to seamlessly blend into any room without compromising the overall aesthetics. With their slim profile and minimalistic finishes, Sonance wall-mounted speakers can be mounted flush against the wall, becoming an elegant complement to your interior design.

Superior Sound Quality:

Sonance is renowned for its commitment to delivering uncompromising sound quality, and their wall-mounted speakers are no exception. These speakers feature advanced technologies and high-quality components that result in rich, detailed, and immersive audio reproduction. Sonance wall-mounted speakers bring your favorite music, movies, and games to life, transforming any room into a captivating audio haven.



Wide Range of Models:

Sonance offers a diverse range of wall-mounted speakers to cater to various listening preferences and room sizes. From compact speakers for smaller rooms to larger models for more expansive spaces, Sonance ensures that there is an ideal option for every setting. Additionally, their lineup includes different series and models with varying power handling capabilities, allowing users to select speakers that best suit their specific audio requirements.

Flexible Installation Options:

Sonance wall-mounted speakers offer flexibility in terms of installation options. They can be easily mounted horizontally or vertically, providing versatility in positioning to suit your preferred sound dispersion and room layout. Whether you want to install them as a stereo pair or as part of a multi-channel surround sound setup, Sonance speakers enable you to create a customized audio experience tailored to your preferences.

Seamless Integration with Home Automation Systems:

For those who embrace smart home technology, Sonance wall-mounted speakers seamlessly integrate with home automation systems. By connecting these speakers to compatible platforms, such as voice assistants or home control systems, users can enjoy convenient control over their audio settings, including volume adjustments and music selection, using voice commands or intuitive mobile apps. This integration enhances the overall user experience and adds a new level of convenience to managing your audio environment.

With their discreet aesthetics, seamless integration capabilities, and superior audio performance, Sonance wall-mounted speakers elevate your listening experiences while complementing your interior design.

SONANCE



MIDAS BUILT TO LAST

Midas consoles are known for their excellent build quality. The company uses high-quality materials and construction techniques to ensure that their consoles can withstand the rigors of touring and live performance.

One of the things that sets Midas consoles apart is their use of metal construction. The chassis of a Midas console is made of solid steel, which gives it a very solid feel. The faders and knobs are also made of metal, which makes them durable and resistant to wear and tear.

Another thing that contributes to the build quality of Midas consoles is their attention to detail. The components are all carefully assembled and the wiring is neatly routed. This attention to detail ensures that the console will function reliably for many years to come.

Of course, build quality is not the only factor that determines the quality of a console. The sound quality of a Midas console is also excellent. The preamps are renowned for their clarity and transparency, and the EQs are very musical.

Overall, Midas consoles are built to last. They are a good investment for any musician or engineer who wants a console that will provide years of reliable service.

Here are some of the specific features that contribute to the build quality of Midas consoles:

- **Solid steel chassis:** The chassis of a Midas console is made of solid steel, which gives it a very solid feel. This makes the console resistant to damage from bumps and knocks, as well as from the elements.
- **Metal faders and knobs:** The faders and knobs on a Midas console are also made of metal, which makes them durable and resistant to wear and tear. This ensures that the console will continue to function reliably for many years to come.
- **Neatly routed wiring:** The wiring on a Midas console is neatly routed, which helps to prevent interference and ensures that the console will function properly.
- **Attention to detail:** Midas consoles are built with attention to detail. This ensures that the console will be easy to use and maintain.

If you are looking for a console that is built to last, then a Midas console is a good option.

These consoles are known for their excellent build quality, as well as their sound quality.

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A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED HIGH-QUALITY SPEAKER ENCLOSURE

High quality and sophistication bring together the low resonance speaker enclosure where a newly-designed front-firing port offers exceptional low-end accuracy, clarity, extension, punch and flexible room-positioning.

High density open cell acoustic Iso-foam pads decouple the speaker from the surface minimizing vibration transmission for improved clarity. Fluid mechanics fully tuned to the entire system resulting in consistent air pressure behavior at any volume creates an unprecedentedly clear, wide, deep and dynamic listening "sweet-spot" with incredible imaging and 3D Soundstage.



CUSTOM AMPLIFIER WITH LIMITER

At the core, a newly designed, powerful yet efficient custom Class D power amplifier drives the speakers evenly and more efficiently at reduced operating temperatures and improves audio integrity. A custom built-in Brickwall Limiter automatically engages at maximum amp-level to maintain a balanced sound, protect the system, and deliver improved and wider dynamics.

Although truly affordable, price isn't even in the ROKIT conversation—professionals choose ROKITs for their time-tested and reliable results.



Exploring the Midiplus X4 and X6 Pro Mini Keyboards

In the realm of mini keyboards, the Midiplus X4 and X6 Pro stand out as crowd favorites.

Their impressive blend of features and affordability has made them go-to choices for musicians, whether they're just starting their musical journey or have years of experience under their belts.

The Midiplus X4 and X6 Pro Mini keyboards are highly regarded for their exceptional blend of features and affordability.

With 25 mini keys, velocity-sensitive pads, and rotary encoders, these keyboards offer extensive functionality. Built-in speakers, a variety of sounds and presets, and versatile connectivity options further enhance their appeal.

The Midiplus X4 and X6 Pro Mini keyboards excel in performance, providing musicians with an impressive range of creative possibilities. Despite their affordable price point, these instruments offer unbeatable value, making them an ideal choice for beginners and experienced musicians seeking quality and affordability.

Elevate your musical journey with the Midiplus X4 and X6 Pro Mini keyboards and experience the joy of unlocking your true musical potential.





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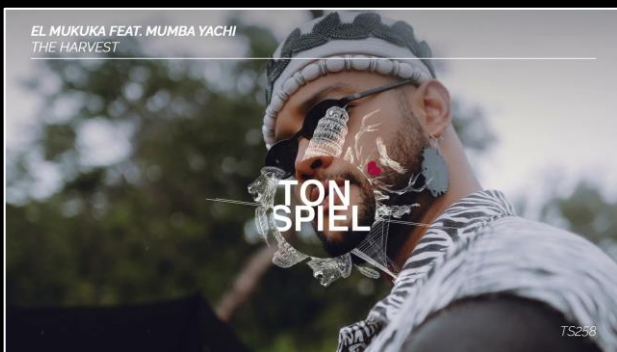


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Your gateway to discovering the vibrant sounds of local South African artists. On this page, we provide you with direct access to music links, allowing you to dive into the rich tapestry of South African music. **CLICK ON THE LINKS**



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Unica is a **game-changing cloud-based amplifier** platform that combines power, efficiency, and versatility.

With its advanced features, including enhanced power sharing, seamless audio over IP integration, and cloud-native connectivity, Unica sets new standards in amplifier technology.

It offers a unified user experience, simplified deployment, and remote monitoring capabilities, making it an ideal choice for medium to large installations. Experience the future of amplification with Unica.



Powersoft 3rd Generation amplification technology

State-of-the-art processing and amplification architecture ensures maximum audio performance and reliability, allowing for advanced processing, networking, and monitoring capabilities to meet the growing needs and complexity of audio systems.

Networking

Three configurable 1Gb ports allow daisy-chain as well as Dante-redundant network topologies, via two operating modes: Switched and Split-Redundant. The Split-Redundant mode allows one port dedicated to control and two ports for Dante/AES67, allowing network traffic separation.

PoE input

The PoE input allows keeping the network ports and amplifier logic circuitry powered in case of mains loss, ensuring a short wake-up time when power is restored. The Unica platform also allows monitoring of the loudspeakers and amplifier outputs circuitry without mains, when powered by PoE++.

Power Sharing

Each output can deliver up to twice the rated power when asymmetrically loaded, ensuring high versatility in system design and specifying phase.

Additionally, each output can drive both 70/100V and low-impedance loudspeakers down to two ohms seamlessly, without the need to configure the output mode. Output channels can be bridged and feature extensive loudspeaker diagnostic tools.

Front panel display

Access to the amplifier's status and general information is granted via the front panel LCD display, which is useful for troubleshooting, monitoring, and maintenance purposes.

ArmoníaPlus Software

All models include network connectivity and onboard processing. It is possible to adjust each amplifier parameter, loading speaker presets, and tune complex systems easily thanks to Powersoft ArmoníaPlus software.

Eco Mode

Automatic energy-saving functionality allows turning off each output channel independently when audio is not passing, minimizing energy consumption. Channels are individually and instantaneously turned on as soon as a signal is detected, without impacting audio performances.

Easy Swap

Game-changing functionality allows replacing an amplifier quickly, without product-specific knowledge, and independent of system size and complexity. This is possible thanks to Unica's ability to store backups on a local USB flash memory drive and restore the backup to a replacement amplifier by simply inserting the USB drive and following the procedure on the front-panel display.

Universo Cloud

The cloud-native connectivity allows remote monitoring of the amplifier status from any device, anywhere in the world, via Powersoft's cloud platform Universo.



CityROCK & SONANCE BEYOND SOUND

Sonance Pendant Speakers Set to Elevate the Climbing Experience at CityROCK Pretoria

As the anticipation builds for the opening of CityROCK in Pretoria on July 1st, 2023, climbers and adventure enthusiasts have another reason to be excited. Proaudio, a leading provider of cutting-edge sound systems, has partnered with CityROCK to install the revolutionary Sonance Pendant speakers throughout the gym. These state-of-the-art speakers are set to enhance the overall climbing experience, delivering unparalleled sound quality and creating an immersive atmosphere.

CityROCK with its successful branches in Cape Town and Johannesburg, has gained a reputation for its top-notch facilities and commitment to excellence.

By introducing Sonance Pendant speakers, the climbing gym aims to take the audio experience to new heights. With their sleek design and advanced sound engineering, these speakers have become synonymous with superior sound quality and unparalleled performance.

The installation of Sonance Pendant speakers at CityROCK marks a significant milestone in the industry. These speakers have been strategically positioned throughout the gym to ensure optimal coverage and sound dispersion. Whether climbers are scaling towering walls or maneuvering challenging bouldering routes, the speakers will fill the space with rich, immersive sound, enhancing the overall ambience and creating an unforgettable experience.

One of the key advantages of Sonance Pendant speakers lies in their ability to deliver exceptional sound quality without compromising the gym's aesthetics. With their sleek, unobtrusive design, these speakers seamlessly blend into the environment, allowing climbers to focus on their ascent without distractions. CityROCK understands the importance of creating a visually appealing space, and the Sonance Pendant speakers perfectly align with their commitment to providing a premium experience in every aspect.

As the opening day of CityROCK in Pretoria draws near, climbers and enthusiasts alike can look forward to an extraordinary climbing experience that stimulates both the body and the senses. The Sonance Pendant speakers will play an integral role in creating an environment that immerses climbers in a world of sound, inspiring them to push their limits and achieve new heights.

Whether you're an experienced climber or a beginner seeking adventure, CityROCK's commitment to excellence, combined with the cutting-edge sound management of Sonance Pendant speakers, promises a climbing experience like no other. Prepare to be captivated by the perfect harmony of exceptional sound quality and exhilarating vertical exploration when CityROCK opens its doors on July 1st, 2023.

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A Step-by-Step Guide For Beginner DJs

WHAT IS HARMONIC MIXING AND HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

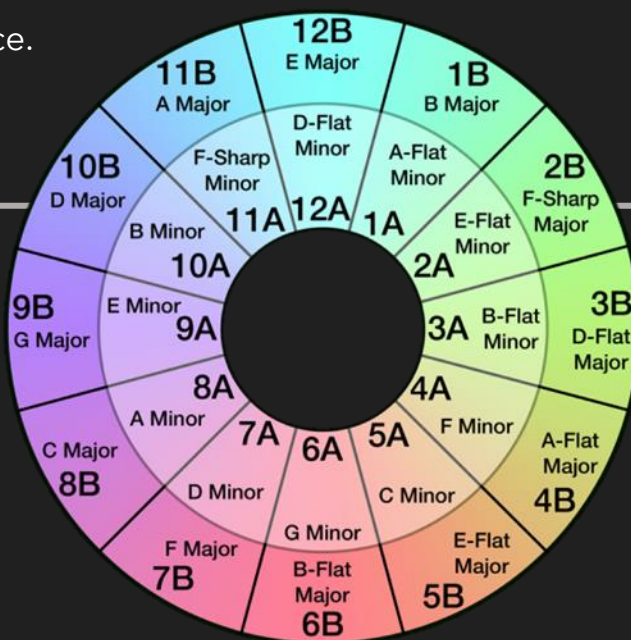
Mixing in key, or harmonic mixing, is when we take into consideration the key of the two songs we're transitioning between when DJing with the aim of creating a more harmonious mix. It's important to know the key of your tracks so you can avoid key clashes where the two tracks clash. The opposite of a harmony it is called dissonance. So, avoid your set sounding bad and start using your keys!

The Camelot wheel is divided into:

LETTERS: letters distinguish between major (B) and minor (A), arranged in two rings.

NUMBERS: each number is accompanied by the respective letter, in segments around the ring.

COLOURS: to help the user to distinguish the 'compatible keys' at a glance



WHAT KIND OF DJS MIX IN KEY?

Mixing in key works well in most situations. You will find that it really comes into its own when mixing tracks that are quite melodic or contain a lot of vocals as this is where the key signature is most prominent.

Tracks that are more percussive still contain a key signature but are less prominent meaning we can sometimes push the boundaries a little further. If you're not mixing in key try mixing at the end of the track where there is little or no melody, this will help disguise the clash.

Situations where you might consider really paying attention to the key signature of your tracks might be if you're recording a guest mix or planning a radio show, in these situations it's really focused on the listening experience, so you'll want everything to sound smooth and for each track to compliment the last.

It's also very useful when making mash-ups or bootleg remixes with acapella! Make sure your instrumental track and the acapella are the same key for the best results.

A Step-by-step Guide For Beginner Djs

Using Pioneer DJ Rekordbox Software

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

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1. Analyze Your Tracks: Before you start mixing, make sure you have your music library analyzed in Rekordbox. This process detects the key of each track, which will be displayed in the software.

2. Enable Key Display: In Rekordbox, go to the Preferences or Settings menu. Under the "Library" or "Display" tab, enable the option to display the key information of your tracks.

3. Understand Musical Keys: Familiarize yourself with the basics of musical keys and their relationships. In a nutshell, harmonically compatible tracks usually share the same key or are in a related key. The most common harmonically compatible keys are those that are next to each other on the Camelot Wheel (e.g., 1A and 2A, or 8B and 9B).

4. Organize Your Library: Use Rekordbox's playlist and tagging features to organize your music library based on musical keys. This will make it easier to find compatible tracks during your DJ sets.

5. Utilize the Key Information: When loading tracks into the decks, pay attention to the key information displayed in Rekordbox. This information will help you identify compatible tracks for mixing.

6. Mix Tracks in Compatible Keys: To mix in key, aim to transition from one track to another that shares the same or a related key. For example, if you're playing a track in 1A, look for another track that is in 1A, 2A, 1B, or 12A on the Camelot Wheel for a smooth transition.

7. Experiment with Harmonic Mixing: As you become more comfortable with mixing in key, you can experiment with harmonic mixing techniques. This involves creating interesting harmonic progressions by mixing tracks in different keys that still sound good together.

8. Trust Your Ears: While software like Rekordbox can provide key information, always trust your ears when mixing. Sometimes, even tracks with different keys can sound harmonically compatible if they share similar musical elements or if you apply proper EQing and blending techniques.

9. Practice and Experiment: Like any DJ skill, mixing in key requires practice and experimentation. Spend time experimenting with different tracks, mixing techniques, and transitions to develop your own style and improve your harmonic mixing abilities.

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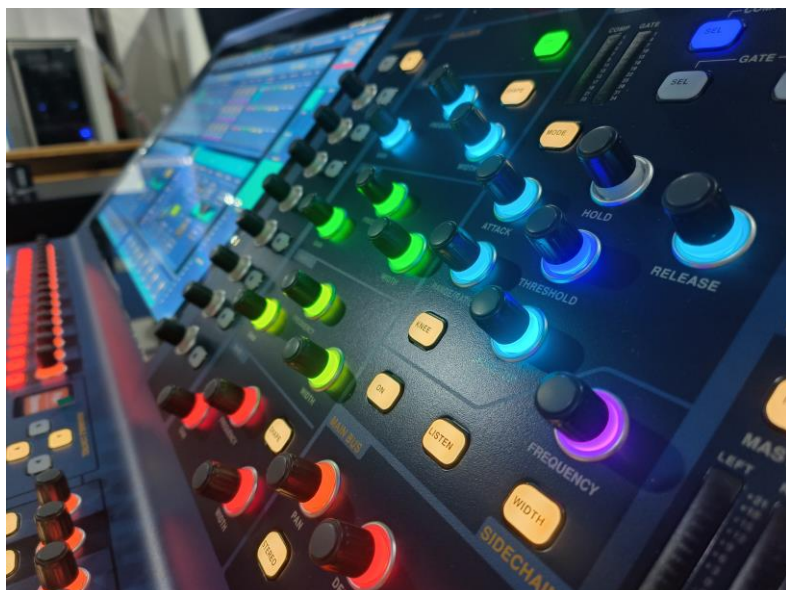
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