



Mark of the Unicorn, Inc.

1280 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone: (617) 576-2760
Fax: (617) 576-3609
Email: info@motu.com

Contact: Jim Cooper
Phone: (617) 576-2760
FAX: (617) 576-3609
Email: jim@motu.com
Web: www.motu.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MOTU NAMED EXCLUSIVE NORTH AMERICA DISTRIBUTOR FOR NAUTILUS PLUG-IN BUNDLE

CAMBRIDGE, MA - October 16, 2000. Mark of the Unicorn, Inc. (www.motu.com) has been named by Audio Ease BV (www.audioease.com), the Netherlands-based audio software developer, as the exclusive North American distributor of the Audio Ease Nautilus plug-in bundle (\$299). Now shipping, Nautilus is a set of three native audio processing plug-ins written for MOTU's Digital Performer, AudioDesk and Performer audio/MIDI workstation software packages. The Nautilus Bundle consists of three unusual, fully automatable audio DSP plug-ins: RiverRun, Deep Phase Nine, and Periscope.

RiverRun

RiverRun is the first real-time granular synthesizer plug-in. Digital audio source material is streamed into and frozen in RiverRun. Tiny particles of the audio, called grains, are pushed through an envelope generator, pitched and scattered across the output channels according to RiverRun's versatile control parameters. The translucent 'grain lens' control, overlaid on the waveform, lets users choose the portion of the source audio to be granulated. The 'walk' slider lets users slide the grain glass forwards or backwards over the source audio at any speed they wish. When done so very slowly and with, say, vocal material – even a single utterance, users can instantly create huge, voluminous gregorian-chant like effects. On pitched instrumental material, a slow 'walk' can produce Philip Glass-style, slowly transforming 'sound washes'. Granulation can also be slowed down and locked to the tempo of the music to create unusual rhythmic grooves, while being simultaneously transposed to pre-selected chord pitches.

Deep Phase Nine

Deep Phase Nine is a true phaser that offers unprecedented control and visual feedback. Users can sweep up to 24 notches per channel with a versatile LFO while Deep Phase Nine plots their motion in real time. Users can even boost peaks and notches to the point of self oscillation because a fitted, look-ahead-peak-limiter continuously monitors output levels. Phaser effects are often used briefly, perhaps for one measure of music, and Deep Phase Nine can fully automate one-shot effects like this. Deep

Phase Nine can also produce glassy sample-and-hold phaser effects locked to musical tempo, deep classic 6-stage phasers, and automated adjustable notch spread effects. All Deep Phase Nine controls can be fully automated.

PeriScope

PeriScope is a flexible and phase-correct 32 band equalizer offering incredibly sharp frequency bands with up to +36dB of boost and -144 dB attenuation. What distinguishes PeriScope from all other graphic EQ's is a real-time frequency analysis display that is positioned directly beneath the 32 faders, allowing users to grab audio frequency bands exactly where they see them. When a fader is pushed up, the user not only hears that band come up, they also see the frequency graph below the fader rise accordingly. The overview window lets users set the lowest and highest band to any desired frequency, allowing them to easily zoom in on a frequency area to obtain exceptional band resolution and separation. For example, a user could distribute 32 bands from 0 Hz to 100 Hz for powerful control over the low-end of their mix, or surgically eliminate just a 10 Hz band at 3 kHz. All boosting and attenuating is 100% phase correct. With equalization control this precise and drastic, users can use PeriScope for a variety of applications, from generic EQ tasks to outlandish, automated effects.

Mark of the Unicorn (MOTU) is a leading developer of music and audio recording technology for personal computers.

Audio Ease is a leading developer of audio processing software, including BarbaBatch, the award-winning audio batch-processing software.

COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mark of the Unicorn, Inc.
1280 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138
Voice: (617) 576-2760
Fax: (617) 576-3609
Email: info@motu.com
Web: www.motu.com

Audio Ease BV
Voice: ++31-30-2433606
Fax: ++31-30-2438500
Email: info@audioease.com
Web: www.audioease.com

#

Mark of the Unicorn, MOTU, Performer, AudioDesk and Digital Performer are trademarks of Mark of the Unicorn, Inc. Nautilus Bundle, RiverRun, Deep Phase Nine, PeriScope and BarbaBatch are trademarks of Audio Ease BV. Other trademarks are property of their respective holders.