### BELL EMPIRE - BASIC edition - January 2015

# loops de la crème



Thank you for purchasing BELL EMPIRE\_Basic Edition!

BELL EMPIRE is a complete collection of cinematic bell instruments organised in 10 sound categories:

- 1. acoustic bells
- 2. church bells
- 3. digital bells
- 4. special effects
- 5. lofi bells
- 6. Metals
- 7. Objects
- 8. OP-1 synth bells
- 9. Vintage bells
- 10. Wavetables

The Basic edition features 10 single bell instruments, a mixed set with 10 additional bells, and an inspiring collection of 12 multis.

# **INSTALLATION**

To install the samples and instruments on your hard drive, unzip the file named BELL EMPIRE\_BASIC.zip. On a Mac, use the default 'Archive utility'. On a PC, I recommend to use Winrar or Winzip to properly unzip the file.

You can then copy/paste the BELL EMPIRE\_BASIC folder to your sample library hard drive, and make sure you **make a backup** of the new samples on a separate drive (or a SD card / USB stick...)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

!!! Please keep the BELL EMPIRE\_BASIC folder structure intact: Do not move or erase a folder

or a file from the main BELL EMPIRE\_BASIC folder to ensure proper loading of the instruments.

To load patches, find the folder from the Kontakt **files** menu and select the patch you wish to load: just double-click on a patch or use the drag- and-drop technic.

Note: Native Instruments Kontakt 5+ is needed to fully use the instruments. Make sure you have the latest updates installed.

You can also load patches with Kontakt Free Player in demo mode (with a time limit).

Along this *user guide*, you'll find a pdf **License Agreement**. Please read this text carefully, it precisely explains the things you are allowed and not allowed to do with the sample library.

## KONTAKT INSTRUMENTS

1 Mixed Set: (kontakt nki) 00 MIXED SET C

This patch provides instant access to 10 different bells, one for each of the 10 categories. The included sounds are taken from the Deluxe edition of BELL EMPIRE.

Use the row of buttons (1 to 10) to select one of the bells:

- AC Sigma XS Bell
- CHU\_Church Gothic
- DIGI\_DX7 gift bells
- FX twinkle to birds
- LOFI baliBell
- METAL cinematic plate
- OBJ\_African Thumb Piano
- OP1\_Unpredictable Flea
- VIN tron bell
- WT\_mallet cop

# 10 single Bell instruments

In addition to the mixed set, you will find 10 single bell instruments, all featuring custom built-in effects:

- AC Cloud Bell
- CHU\_small temple bell
- DIGI D50 love
- FX\_cave paintings
- LOFI gritty blue bell
- METAL\_iron twang
- OBJ Glass Wide
- OP1\_cotton Bells

- VIN\_poly chord house
- WT\_robodynamic

## 12 multis: (kontakt nkm)

These fun, responsive multi patches include layered acoustic bells, SFX, pads, cinematic sounds...

- MULTI childhood tears
- MULTI\_crystal chimes echo
- MULTI deep abyss
- MULTI\_dirty teenage flea
- MULTI distobell anthem
- MULTI hypnotise me
- MULTI\_jumbo kalimba
- MULTI\_natural ressources pad
- MULTI pure bell cloud MW
- MULTI\_responsive paintbrush
- MULTI\_swamp glass\_MW
- MULTI\_thick fake bell

!!! NB: The Basic Edition also includes all instruments and multis from the Freebie BELL EMPIRE\_FREE EDITION.

If you already downloaded and used this Freebie, I recommend that you simply replace it with the Basic edition. In case you created your own presets and multis and would like to keep using these, please copy them into the 'MY INSTRUMENTS' folder.

#### **USING THE INTERFACE TO CUSTOMIZE THE SOUND:**

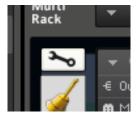
- FILTERS: A high-pass and a low pass filter help you cut out unwanted frequencies
- **REVERB SELECTOR**: pick one of 20 custom Impulse Responses
- ATTACK: bring this up for mellow and smooth bell sounds
- **RELEASE**: higher release values provide an authentic decay of the bell, while lower values help replicate a chocked sound.
- AMP: add an amplifier effect for subtle coloration and saturation
- **FX**: each nki offers a specific built-in effect (delay, lofi, filters, distortion...)
- MOD: a pre-programmed modulation effect (phaser, chorus, flanger, leslie simulation...)
- **LIM**: Keep the dynamics of the bell under control with this built-in limiter. also useful to add grit or boost low-level sounds when creating multis

NB: you can assign any knob from the Kontakt user interface to any of your hardware controller. To do this, rightclick on the knob you would like to assign. Choose the option 'learn MIDI CC# Automation'. Then just move a knob on your controller (or the mod wheel). That's it!

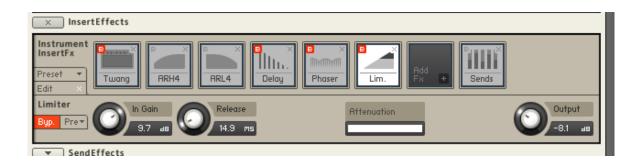
To unassign the knob, right click on it again, and choose 'remove MIDI automation'

#### TWEAKING THE EFFECTS INSIDE KONTAKT:

You can easily change the effect parameters or replace effects for each single bells and for the basic set. To do this, first click on the tool at the top left corner of the Kontakt instrument:



Then scroll down to the section 'INSERT EFFECTS':



You can see 8 effect slots.

The first one (here 'Twang') is controlled by the 'AMP' knob on the interface.

The second and third effects are the filters. (controlled by the two HP and LP knobs on the interface)

The fourth one (here Delay) corresponds to the interface's FX knob.

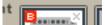
The fifth one (here a phaser) is controlled by the 'Mod' knob on the interface

The sixth one corresponds to the 'Lim' knob on the interface:



For each effect, you can press the red letter 'B' to bypass or activate the effect.

Click on the cross (x) to delete the effect, and replace it with a different one by clicking on the +



Click on the center of an effect slot to select it and have access to all effect parameters.

When you're satisfied with the changes, scroll back to the top, and press the tool again to close Kontakt's edit mode.

#### **!!! SAVING YOUR INSTRUMENTS:**

You can then resave the patch in the files menu:



Use the function 'save as...', rename the instrument, and choose the option 'patch only'

Please save your instruments in the folder 'MY INSTRUMENTS'. If you wish to upgrade to the Standard or Deluxe edition in the future, you can simply copy and paste your instruments and multis from this folder into the 'MY INSTRUMENTS' folder of the standard or basic edition. This way, you will not loose any of your presets:)

## **CREATING YOUR OWN MULTIS:**

Experiment with combining and layering various single patches and create your own sounds!

Here a few tips to create multi patches:

- Make sure you select the same Midi channel for all of the patches you want to layer.
- Use Kontakt's Volume, panning, Tune, Solo and Mute buttons to help you out.
- Create multi-dimensional sounds by choosing different reverb IR for each single patch, or various amounts of the same reverb.
- Make sure **you don't overload the audio output** of Kontakt: you might need to lower the levels of the individual patches, or use the master volume Knob.
- Remember that the amount of CPU and disk resources needed will increase with each new layer. In Kontakt preferences menu, you can increase the latency to help create more ambitious multi patches!

!!! To save a multi patch, choose the 'Save multi as...' in Kontakt files menu. Name your multi-instrument, and choose the 'patch only' option. Please save the patch in the MY INSTRUMENTS folder.

# **UPGRADING** to another edition:

Your purchase of the Basic Edition allows you to get a €29,- discount on the Standard or Deluxe edition.

Visit the product page (http://www.loopsdelacreme.com/bell-empire) and complete the 'UPGRADE FORM' to receive your personal upgrade discounts.

# **UPDATES**

The included patches are early versions of the software. They were thoroughly checked and tested before release. If you still find bugs or inconsistent behaviour, please report to office@julientauban.com

Also, don't hesitate to send me ideas or requests for future updates. You will be informed via email (from office@julientauban.com) about future updates and add-ons.

# **CREDITS**

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If you find a problem using the sample library, have questions or just want to get in touch, don't hesitate to send an email to office@julientauban.com

Thanks a lot for reading, I wish you lots of fun, emotions and inspiration with BELL EMPIRE!

Best regards,

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