## MKSensation Xtreme User Manual

#### Introduction

MKSensation Xtreme is a VST/AU/AAX/Standalone plugin that represents the highest quality in the classic MKS-20 sounds along with classic "bread-and-butter" sounds in which to layer with.

#### **Preset Menu**



The preset menu is located at the top of the interface so it's easily accessible. The actual LCD displays the name of the current preset. The Left/Right arrows allow you to scroll through presets and the Save icon allows you to save your own presets. Below we will outline the functions of the menus and their explanations.

#### Presets are stored in the following locations:

- OSX: /Users/<username>/Music/Gospel Musicians/Pure Synth Platinum/Presets/
- Windows: C:\Users\Username\Documents\Gospel
  Musicians\Pure Synth Platinum\Presets\
  - You can access presets from the files location and rename from there as well
  - Important Note that each preset needs a Library/Bank/ hierarchy, I.e. you cannot put presets in the Bank area.

#### **Preset UI Controls**

- The library section is where the libraries are stored. There will be a factory banner and a banner where User presets are stored. Factory presets cannot be deleted or changed, but can be edited and resaved.
- The Folder icon, when, clicked, allows you to edit the Bank or User Libraries.
  - Delete by clicking the Red circle icon
  - Rename by Double+Clicking
- NEW LIB/NEW BANK buttons allow you to create a new user library or a new bank
- Add Preset Button allows you to Add a new preset
- Paper and Pen icon allows you to rename or delete a preset
- Right+Click Options
  - Delete Delete preset
  - Rename Rename preset
  - Add to Favorites Mark it as favorites
  - Remove from Favorites Remove from favorites

- Learn Program Change Learn program change
- Export Preset Allows you to export
- CAT FAVS Button Toggles the ability only show the Category Favorite presets.
- ALL FAVS Button Toggles the ability only show all Favorite presets.

# Master Volume and Quick Control

- Master Volume Controls the global volume of the plugin
- Quick Controls Allows you to mirror any knob, button, or slider to the main screen for quick access. Simply Right+Click on any control and Map to Quick Controls. The Controls will blink signaling for you to click on a quick control button and the parameter will be mapped. Now you will be able to control the parameter from the main screen.

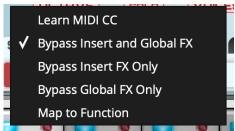


#### **Sound Buttons**



The Sound buttons allow you easy access to the state of the actual sound:

- The number is associated with the sound numbers from 1....8
- The Red LED is the Mute
- The Green LED is the Solo
- If both Mute and Solo are on, the Solo takes precedence for easy auditioning of individual sounds



- The blue LED, when off bypasses the effects. You can Right+Click on the Blue LED for Bypass options.
- Pressing the Grey area (non LED areas) of the button turns off the button, I.e. no sound or samples are loaded
- The sound name is displayed on the button

## **Function Buttons**



The Function buttons allow you to switch programming modes of the plugin:

- LIVE SET Displays the Live Set mode on the plugin
- EDIT Displays the Editing and synthesis parameters of a sound
- EFFECTS Pulls up the effects rack
- SPLIT A quick way to split sounds
- SETTINGS Opens the Settings menu
- KEYBOARD Toggles on and off the virtual keyboard

## **Live Set**



Live Set is a way for you to load up a live concert set and switch between presets easily. you are able to change the color of the slot, learn through MIDI Program Changes, and disable the slot. This is also where the global Transpose, Octave, and Velocity curve are located. Finally, you are able to globally mute the entire plugin if need be. Push the button to activate the new preset.

## **EDIT MODE - BUTTON GRID**



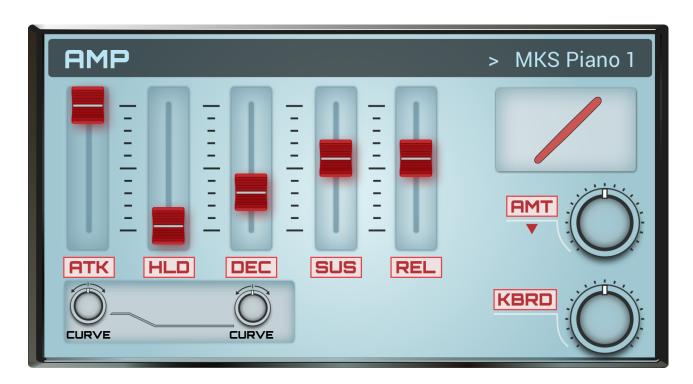
When in EDIT mode (EDIT BUTTON), the LCD screen displays the synthesis parameters to edit per sound. The selection functions like a grid. For example, say you would like to edit the Filter for sound 7. Then you would select the number 7 button and then the FILT Tab.

# **SOUND**



- On/Off Power Turn on and off the oscillator's sound as per the oscillator number
- Oscillator LCD Select the oscillator's sound
- Oscillator Arrows Scroll through oscillator sounds
- Volume Control the volume of the oscillator
- Gain Control the gain of the oscillator
- Pan Control the pan of the oscillator
- Semitone Control the pitch of the oscillator
- Cents control the fine tuning, which is equivalent to the detune
- Voices Add the number of voices for unison detuning
- Detune 1/2 Select the text to toggle between detune modes
  - → Mode 1 is classic detuning, while mode 2 is JP Supersaw-Ilke
- Spread/Blend Select the text to toggle between spread and blend modes
  - → Spread creates a stereo widener
  - ➡ Blend will bend between regular detuning and the JP-like

## **AMP**



- Envelope Sliders Control the AMP envelope amounts (Attack, Hold, Decay, Sustain, Release).
- ATK Curve Control the attack curve from linear (all the way right) to slightly concave.
- Decay Curve Control the decay curve from linear to logarithmic
- Velocity Curve Move the curve graphic to control the velocity curve
- AMT This controls the volume amount as per the velocity of the incoming midi notes.
  - Dropdown curves control the Volume amount curves.
- KBRD Controls the amount of decay as per the notes. The higher notes will decay faster as to mimic the natural decay of a piano sound.

## **CONTROL**



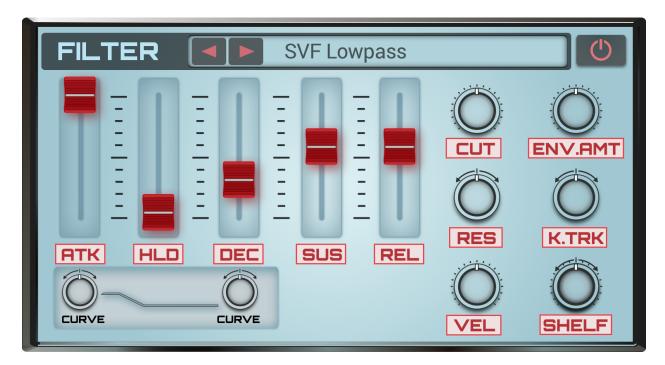
- Oscillator Display Displays the name of the oscillator as per the oscillator selection numbers.
- Pitch Wheel Display Displays the high and low pitch ranges of the pitch wheel
- Playmodes Selects the particular Playmode of the oscillator
  - → Poly Polyphonic
  - → Poly Porta Polyphonic portamento as per the glide
  - → Mono Retriever Monophonic with no gliding effect
  - → Mono Lega Monophonic that glides only if played legato
  - → Mono Porta Monophonic that glides every time
  - → Release Plays when the keyboard is released
  - ➡ EP Release Plays when the keyboard is released, but decays in volume the longer you hold it. This mimics the natural release decay of a piano.
- Glide Determines the amount of glide between notes
- Color Color mod is a formant pitch shifting algorithm that allows for variations in the amount of color as per the sound. It is much more noticeable with sounds with more harmonic content such as acoustic instruments
  - Color Knob Determines the amount of color detuning.
    Negative values makes for a darker sound, where positive values make for a brother sound
  - Mod Knob Allows the color to change as per the velocity played. The harder you hit the keyboard, the more positive the color value will be.
- Delay Delay in playing the sound
- Random Randomly play the sound
- VELO Will determine the lower and upper velocity ranges
- K.Range Determines the key range

## **MODWHEEL**



- Display Displays the Pitch modulation waveform, frequency, and sync options
- Modes Determines the MODWHEE modulator routing
  - Pitch Standalone Pitch LFO
  - Filter Controls the amount of Filter Cutoff is controlled
  - LFO Determines the LFO Rate and Depth amounts
- Knob Labels Labels will change according to MODWHEEL mode.

## **FILTER**



- Filter Type Determines the filter type
- Envelope Controls the envelope of the cutoff
- ATK Curve determines the curve of the attack (See AMP)
- Decay Curve Determines the curve of the decay (See AMP)
- Cutoff Determines the cutoff amount of the filter
- Rez Controls the resonance of the filter
- Key.TRK Controls the Key Tracking of the filter
- ENV.AMT Determines the envelope amount of the filter
- VEL Determines the velocity of the filter as per how hard you hit the keys.
- SHELF Displays when using the SVF Shelf mode

## **LFO**



- LFO Large Display
  - Shape Determines the LFO shape
  - Sync Sync LFO to DAW
  - Frequency Determines the Frequency of the LFO
  - Bipolar Bipolar operation
  - Retrig Allows for retriggering of the LFO
- Speed Determines the Speed of the LFO
- Amount Knobs Determines the amount that can be added to the total LFO
- Delay Delays the LFO
- Fade Gradually fades in the LFO
- Depth Determines the depth of the LFO
- Smooth Smooths the shape
- A.Touch Determines the mount of aftertouch

# **MIXER**

The red sliders allow you to control the sound's level as per the options:

- MIXER Volume of the Sound
- INSER SEND Insert FX of the sound
- GLOBAL SEND Global FX of the sound

The knobs at the bottom control the panning of the sound.

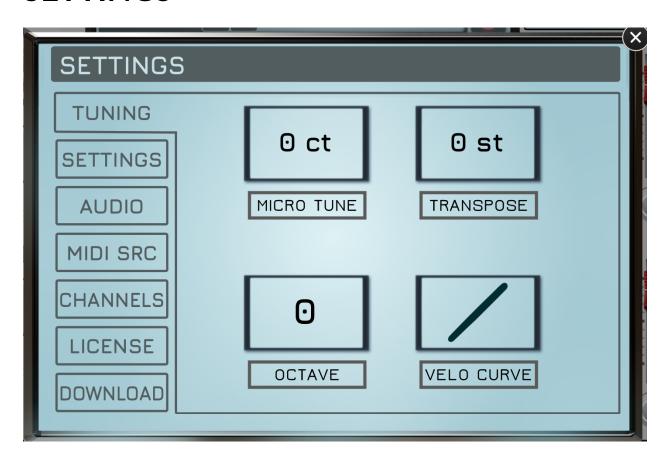


## **EFFECTS**



- 1-8 Buttons Each sound source can have up to 5-insert effects. Choose which button/number is associated with the sound you want to add effects to.
- GLOBAL Global effects which applies effects to all 8 sounds.
- MASTER Apply master effects to affect the overall output of the sound.
- Volume Slider Controls the Master volume of the app.
- Empty Rack The black rack that ays Effects ▼ is considered empty. Right+Click and you will see a list of effects in which to insert.

# **SETTINGS**



# **Tuning**

- Micro Tune Sets the global microtone
- Transpose Sets the global transpose
- Octave Sets the global octave
- Vero Curve Sets the global velocity curve

## **Settings**

- MIDI Sustain CC Learn the MIDI CC of the Sustain Pedal
- MIDI Sostenuto CC Learn the MIDI CC of the Sostenuto Pedal
- MIDI Soft Pedal CC Learn the MIDI CC of the Soft Pedal
- MIDI CC Clear Clear All MIDI CC assignments
- **Streaming Mode** Select the streaming mode. In general you always want to use an SSD, but in cases you don't have a fast SSD, then use the other modes.
- Middle C Choose between the Yamaha or Roland way of determining middle C.
- Ul Size Change to specific Ul sizes.
- Auto Select OSC When editing a sound button, the app will automatically switch the oscillator editing number.
- Show Log File Show the log files if there are any issues.
- Auto Check New Version Check for new versions of the software.
- Extended Logging Only enable this for advanced bugs as per tech support instructions.

#### **Audio**

- Output Device Choose the audio driver in which to output the audio
- Sample Rate Choose the sample rate
- **Buffer** Choose the buffer size. The lower the buffer size, the faster the response, but the higher the CPU.

• **MIDI Output** - Forward all MIDI output to designated MIDI device or port.

#### **MIDI SRC**

- Choose the MIDI device by clicking on the check to enable it.
- **Refresh** Hit refresh in order to find the device after first being plugged in.

#### **Channels**

• Choose the MIDI channels in which to receive from.

#### License

- **Serial Number** Enter the serial number that is located on your invoice.
- Activation Log If there are any issues, you can send us the Activation log.
- Refresh reset and rescan your authorization and/or your expansion packs.
- **Deactivate** Deactivate the computer, which releases an activation to that location.
- **Error Notification** Shows the activation status, expansion pack status, and any errors in activation. When emailing our support, please indicate the exact error message.

# **MIDI CC Program Change Operation**

The way our program change works is that you have the option to either Increase or Decrease the patches within the bank by +/- or you can MIDI Learn your favorite Sounds. You can access the options in settings

Some Important Notes about our Program Change Implantation:

- 1. The program change is limited to the category, so at the end of a patch of a category, it will loop through the category
- 2. If you want to access specific "favorite" patches, then the Brows Learn option is the way to go. This way you can create a type of concert list or preset list to be able to pull up your favorite presets.

