
Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Jyoti - 2005/12/27 02:36

If the choice was between:

Moog Voyager
Alesis A6

Hmmm?

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by jsrockit - 2005/12/27 03:05

I'd take the Moog....but just because I do not have one. Not into the Alesis stuff...well, that I know of yet.

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by milkmansnd - 2005/12/27 03:43

dude, that should be a no brainer. Think of the resale value if nothing else. Moog and alesis are at opposite ends of the spectrum for me. I mean, alesis had its day - but the moog is gonna rock your world.

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Array - 2005/12/27 04:38

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Jyoti - 2005/12/27 05:07

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I have:

Monomachine, JP-8, Rogue, Memorymoog, Source, Oscar, JX-3P, MC-202, Yamaha VL1 + various modern S+S synths.

I'm looking for a charming character, not a particular class of sound. I'd like something that has it's own feel, in the same way that every old synth I have has. I'm planning a trip to London to try both out properly, if I can find an A6 on demo.

Really, I was hoping someone here had one or both synths and could share their personal experiences with them. I've been doing web research about both for the past month - come across a lot of worrying reports of A6 crashiness. But also of Moog glitching. But you know what the net's like: both synths have their hardcore champions who won't have a word said against them. :-D

And, of course, their hardcore detractors. Just been following a whole A6 vs Voyager thread on the Moog forum. Very enlightening!

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Cheers, mate!

I'm also looking at non-analogue bits of gear but apart from Elektron, the industry seems a tad staid at the mo. I wish there were more manufacturers not trying to create slavish copies of past glories. That's why I love my Mono: it's completely unlike any other synth I own! 8-)

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by milkmansnd - 2005/12/27 05:15

oh, so you already have the Moog sound represented in the rig. Maybe the A6 is the way to spend then.

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by deaf-mute - 2005/12/27 08:30

have you had a look at the Access Virus TI... Super Fat Synth.. The basslines are sick, the pads warm and lush, each channel has it's own dedicated reverb and delay, the patches or sounds that you use in song mode or multi mode are stored in a separate memory location so you never overwrite the patches u use in a song. It's got it all in my opinion... it's ti which stands for total integration.

it can be used as a vst plug in which if you work with sequencers means no more sysex... your patches are stored as part of the sequence, then you can make the sounds go through all your vst's and out through the synths outputs, or even output instrument tracks from other vst instruments. it's still got a few bugs that need ironing out in the total integration aspect but using it with my mpc and a machinedrum has been a dream...

definatly worth a test..

peace, Andy

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by jsrockit - 2005/12/27 13:11

Array wrote:

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I don't prefer either... he ask for people's opinions and we gave it to him. I'm sorry it offended you.

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by - 2005/12/27 14:19

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Like a sidstation...?

Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Jyoti - 2005/12/27 15:43

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Looking for something more digital, eh? :)

Why not give the XT another try? You may like the Waldorf Q as well. It's like a more refined XT, and it offers a bit more flexibility.

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by donato - 2005/12/27 22:00

Maybe a Fizmo. I still think a Voyager would give you some things the other Moogs couldn't.

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Allerian - 2005/12/28 01:34

Array... don't think I've run into you in a while. Didn't you bail on KSS?

For what it's worth, I recently picked up a Voyager and I have found it to be a great sonic fit with my Elektron gear. Mainly using it for left hand basslines and controlling it with midi. Giant, obviously labeled knobs are a big plus. Touch surface is way cool and more useful than I'd originally imagined. The backlighting and lit wheels are a complete geekfest.

-Robert

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by jsrockit - 2005/12/28 03:17

So, what did you decide to do?

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by Jyoti - 2005/12/28 04:00

I'm going go to London and try and get some proper hands-on time with them all. Also maybe a Poly Evolver...

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Re: Which synth would you buy?

Posted by jsrocket - 2005/12/29 01:45

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That may be a good idea... I just got the evolver... which is more my speed...but since the MPC came the same day..I haven't messed with it yet.

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