
songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/21 05:24

i own my mm for a week now and its sweet.
i like weird rhythms and syncopations and got a bit scared that it would be impossible to get this thing to go outside the standard 4/4.
but now i found the glorious "song-mode" in which you can loop small sections of tracks.
this is nice!! i tend to use the transportbuttons to go back and forth between several small looped sections which only differ like 1 step in offset and length (38/9>37/7>etc).
awesome! :D
only shitty thing is that i cant stay in Trackmute-mode for this.
i have to exit mute-mode everytime to transport in songmode. not so nice!
does anyone know a workaround, or is this just what i have to practice. :/

edit..well, i'll just do it with the normal double gesture..

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by tIB - 2010/07/21 05:31

randomly program your mutes B)

good find in your first week my friend, enjoy :)

EDIT: info here on songmode fun:

http://elektron-users.com/index.php?option=com_fireboard&Itemid=28&func=view&catid=9&id=92904
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to randomly program your mutes I should add randomly fix your tempo, randomly select steps and then refine the whole mess down into something more rhythmic

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/21 06:14

Aah, thats what you meant in that other thread with "random clock"
well, it comes down offcourse onto how much you want to program and how much you want to play. I'll try it out. And since im just scratching the surface of this thing i guess after every programming theres another aspect to play with.
Now i want an MD! Just to have it playing along in totally different bpm's.
:D

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by tIB - 2010/07/21 06:27

^ I have done this!

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/21 06:50

i thought so. hehe
plus the euro or not?
sold a lot of my euro to afford this mnm
thinking to build it back up to a small sequencing
rig now to have double timesigs at the same time

but maybe its smarter to invest in a md.
i already feel much more productive since this week. olee!

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Posted by tIB - 2010/07/21 14:00

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Posted by zoot - 2010/07/21 15:07

yeah no way around this.

a bit more planning at first is the only way, which stuffs up the 'jamming' element

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Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/21 18:02

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Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/22 04:19

just found out that its even more fun when the ab-bus is routed through a through- or dynamix-fx on the 6th track which then with the right amount of Hold on the steps can be used as an extra full gate for the other 5 tracks.

makes it allso possible to create loops with a changeable delay.

loopA version 1 is step 6 till 14 (by offset/length=5/9)

loopA version 2 is step 6 till 16 (5/11)

by muting steps 15 and 16 version 2 will be the same as 1 but with 2 steps in between.

this together with the bpm-settings per songline makes it quite warpy.

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Why ta very much! Dont remember the exacts but I think the only thing sequenced on euro on that was the droney synth part in the opening loop... using the seq02 for the rest of it would have been way to much work, PITA compared to the mono. ;)

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Not a bad idea, the UW is 12 bit so much cleaner than the TS though still noticeably lo-fi... Ive no doubt youd enjoy the UW but checking on the octatrack is a good idea.

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Posted by tIB - 2010/07/22 16:41

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Im probably using the wrong terminology there... just mean using an EFX machine to act as VCA on an A118 using the MNM's ADHR envelope.

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Id love to see some of this in action, you got any videos up online anywhere? If you were anywhere near me Id be coming over to see you rock that setup!

As for euro I agree its a money pit... Im nearing the end of my spending on it now but its been a hefty investment. The last piece of the jigsaw is a spendy one too... not sure Ill ever get there. I could certainly never abandon my elektrons to go all modular, that approach doesnt really appeal so much...to much modulation, not enough music ;)

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/22 19:09

aah, why would you use a 118 instead of like the sid-noise?
fatter noise? :huh:

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by tIB - 2010/07/22 20:03

^ :lol: I wanted reverb so using that into the mono was one less machine.

EDIT: thin vs phat noise sounds like a gearslutz post!

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by stufflinear - 2010/07/23 04:33

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(now i keep on asking) so you used an fx channel and gated the noise with the same one?
o wait, now i type it i get it. you just reverberised the noise. B)

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Re:songmode-offset/length and trackmutes

Posted by tIB - 2010/07/23 04:47

^ pretty much... I reverbed, filtered, SRR'd, EQ'd and enveloped it. I usually use the A117 in this way on the MNM as I like that you can manually tweak the pitch(/speed?) of the noise. I like the hihat sound too when filtered by the MNM.

Note: I got the wrong doepfer noise module...I have the 117 digital noise/random clock.

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